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THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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May-June, 1966

COMMITTEE ARRANGES BIG LEAGUE SHOW

How're Gonna Keep 'Em Down On the Farm? . . .



VEDO FERNANDEZ

The above heading was a popular song after World War I when everyone was singing "How You Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm After They've Seen Gay Paree?" Now the burning question after the 1966 Reunion in Washington is "How You Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm?" after they get a glimpse of pretty and SHAPELY Vedo Fernandez, pictured above, who will be one of the stem-winding entertainers appearing on the Friday night program.

PRESIDENT JOHN BONKOWSKI ISSUES HIS FINAL APPEAL FOR REUNION ATTENDANCE

AN APPEAL TO ALL FORMER NINTH DIVISION MEN —

The time for our Ninth Infantry Division Association's 21st Annual Reunion is rapidly drawing closer. The plans and all the details that it takes to make a great convention are either taken care of or in the final process of being completed.

The final link that remains to be joined to assure a great success is up to all the members to come and be a part of this vast program.

As of now there are many who have reservations and arrangements all set for that big July week-end in Washington, D. C. This is wonderful and I know you will not be disappointed.

Then there are some who are still undecided. Now is the time to reach a decision and join the crowd.

And to some who are not planning on attending, it's still not too late to reconsider. Please do come down and join the Association in a convention that everyone who attends will remember for many years to come.

Sincerely

JOHN BONKOWSKI,

President, Ninth Infantry Division Association

Who Tagged 60th Go-Devs? When?

2nd Lt. L. A. Garner, Hq. 3d Bn., 9th Inf. Div., Fort Riley, Kansas, is the unit historian of the 3d Brigade which consists of three battalions of the 60th Inf. He writes The Octofoil and asks for some information, such as the time, place and circumstances that caused the 60th Regt. to be nick-named "Go Devils." Any old timers who can help the lieutenant out in his search for information will be greatly appreciated by all parties concerned.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

There's no need to put your best foot forward if you drag the other one.

John P. Hynes Has Been Hospitalized for Months

John P. Hynes has been in the Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital for over three months. In a letter of April 19 the former Co. E 47th Sergeant writes from 677 Bergen Ave., Bronx, N. Y., as follows:

Dear Buddies: I have been hospitalized at the Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital for three months. Complications from being a prisoner of war for 26 months. Sitting in a wheel chair and bed made my infantry legs weak.—As ever, John P. Hynes.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

One can't always judge by appearances 'cause the early bird might have been up all night.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

BOOSTERS ADS—\$1

Members desiring their names on the Booster Page of the 1966 Reunion Journal MUST send \$1 to Sal Trapani, 4733 Wyaconda Road, Rockville, Maryland, 20853, before July 4th.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

July 4th Deadline For Journal Ads

The Program Chairman has asked that all members desiring ads, memoriams, or their names on the Booster Page of the 1966 Reunion Journal to please send them in on or before the 4th of July to Sal Trapani, 4733 Wyaconda Road, Rockville, Md. 20853.

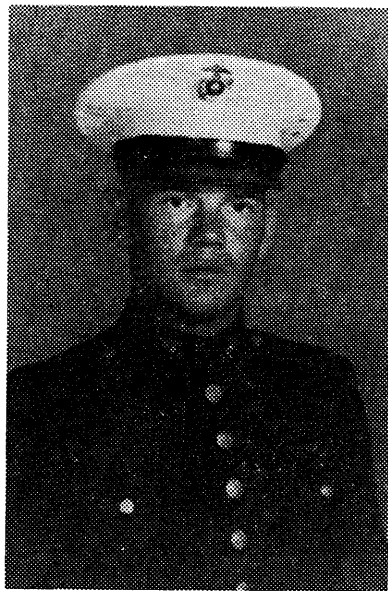
—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

LOUIS NETTA, JR. IS HAVING KNEE PAINS

Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Netta, 1 Highland Ave., Wilmington, Delaware, 19804, are two hard working members of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter. The Octofoil is greatly appreciative of the many cheerful cards this fine couple sent the editor during his hospitalization.

A letter received from the Nettas on April 29 contained some information about their son, Louis, Jr., that was causing the family some worry. Lance Cpl. Netta had been in a North Carolina marine hospital suffering from a knee injury that was originally caused in a football accident during his last game in high school. Cpl. Netta is all marine and the possibility that he might have to take medical discharge has him down in the "dumps." A good look at the picture which is a part of this story leaves no doubt that he's a "chip" off the old block.

"Chip" Off the Old Block



LANCE CPL. LOUIS S. NETTA

Louis' dad was with the 60th Inf. Anti-Tank Co.

Cpl. Netta says the boys at Cherry Point Marine Air Base in North Carolina, enjoy reading The Octofoil that his dad and mom send him. He has high hopes of being able to be in Washington during the 1966 Reunion with his father and mother and all his other good friends in the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter.

In later letters from Mrs. Netta she expresses deep concern over the disgraceful treatment and indignities Gold Star Mother Lillian McAvoy is being subjected to. It is hoped between the Association and Auxiliary some kind of relief can be given this unfortunate Gold Star parent before the 1966 Reunion adjourns.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

ROOMS \$12 SINGLE, \$16 DOUBLE — CHILDREN UNDER 14 FREE — STRIP TICKETS \$15 — \$12 FOR CHILDREN — ENTERTAINMENT "TOPS"

Under date of June 16, The Octofoil received a letter in detail from Frank Wade spelling out plans for the 1966 Ninth Infantry Division Reunion in Washington at the Shoreham Hotel. The agenda, subject to minor changes will be found printed below. The two pictures shown on this page will give a hint to the high type entertainment that has been arranged for their guests. The Washington Committee has kept The Octofoil and its readers guessing about what was on tap for Reunion visitors—but when the Washington Committee Finalized their plans they Finalized with a Capital F. Parts of Frank's letter and the agenda will be noted below. Special attention is called to the latest Vietnam pictures in color that General Smythe has obtained for one of the many parties. Wade adds that the Ninth's own Gen. Westmoreland is seen and heard addressing his troops in some of the pictures.

DATES—JULY 28-29-30, 1966

When sending for room reservations members MUST mention the 9th Infantry Division Association Reunion. Otherwise they will wake up and find a bill under their doors for \$20 per day instead of the \$12 and \$16 rate the Committee was able to get.

REGENCY ROOM

To describe that Regency Room where the banquet is to be held would fill many pages; 1500 can be seated quite easily in the room.

A big turnout has to be a MUST. The Ninth never has looked bad and it's too late to start now—that Regency Room has to be just about filled to capacity.

VIETNAM PICTURES

General George Smythe plans to have some of the latest Vietnam pictures in color to show during one of the beer parties. General Smythe advises that the first of the films he reviewed it showed Gen. Westmoreland addressing his troops—this alone assures some interesting pictures.

VIC DAUMIT IN CHARGE

For the dance on Friday night Vic Daumit, a former Ninth Division band member, is in charge of the floor show. One of Daumit's star performers, Vedo Fernandez, is shown in a picture appearing on this page. This is just a sample. Space limitation prohibits printing pictures of all the top rated feminine pulchritude that is a part and parcel of Damut's "big league" show.

ARMY CHORUS

During the banquet the Army Chorus will sing several selections. This group rates high with veterans' organizations and it took some pretty good connections for the committee to be able to list this group as a part of this outstanding program.

Any member who can and does not avail himself of an opportunity to partake of any and all of this great program is missing an opportunity to see and do things that will in all probability never come his way again in a hundred thousand years.

The schedule of events follows:

THURSDAY, JULY 28th

1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P. M.—Registration—Heritage Room.
10:00 A.M.—Golf—Pepco Course.
1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.—Sightseeing. Tours to be announced.
7:30 P. M.—Business meeting—Forum Room.
9:00 P. M. to 12:00 P. M.—Old Fashion Song Festivity (latest color pictures of Vietnam action to be shown)—Empire Room.
9:00 P. M. to 11:30 P. M.—Teen Age Record Hop—Executive Room.

FRIDAY, JULY 29th

9:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M.—Registration—Heritage Room.
9:30 A.M.—Annual Business meeting—Diplomat Room.
10:00 A. M.—Sightseeing—Tours to be announced.
1:00 P. M.—Teen Age Swimming—Hotel Pool.
9:00 P. M. to 12:00 P.M.—Dance—(Floor Show by Daumit Studios)—Paladium Room.

SATURDAY, JULY 30th

Registration—9:30 A. M. to 7:00 P. M.—Heritage Room.
11:00 A. M.—Memorial Service (bus schedule to be announced)—Arlington Cemetery.
1:00 P. M.—Sightseeing or Splash Party (Choice)—Hotel Pool.
7:00 P. M.—Annual Banquet—Regency Room.
9:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M.—Dancing—Regency Room.

Remember, all roads as of July 28 lead to the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

9th Division Band Man



VIC DAUMIT

1966 Reunion visitors attending the Friday night dance and entertainment are in for some real thrills that will be long remembered. Pictured above is Vic Daumit, a former Ninth Division Band Leader, who will have charge of the floor show. Additional details will be noted elsewhere in this issue.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Some Still Think of Scholarship Fund

Secretary Quinn reports the following donations to the Scholarship Fund since the last issue of The Octofoil:

The Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter—\$25.00.
Steve Urbani, Toledo, \$6. Co. B, 60th.

Lt. Winslow Stevens, new Ninth Division man, ordered some books—and also donated \$2 for the scholarship fund.

Every little bit helps—thanks are due those who have helped the Scholarship Fund as noted above.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

The quickest way to be convinced that spanking is unnecessary is to become a grandparent.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—



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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively of means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to former members of the 9th Infantry Division."

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Anyone desiring to place advertisements in the 1966 Washington, D. C. Convention Souvenir Program, including those who wish to place a memorial or have their names included among their unit boosters, should contact the Program Chairman—

SAL TRAPANI

4733Wyaconda Road

Rockville, Maryland 20853

ROOM RESERVATION
NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

JULY 28-30, 1966

Members are urged to fill out the following coupon for room reservations at the Shoreham Hotel immediately. It is desirable to keep The Octofoil intact use a blank piece of paper copying the desired information from the questions asked below:

SHOREHAM HOTEL,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:—Please reserve for me the accommodations as indicated:

Mark "X" on line of accommodations desired.

Single Bedroom and Bath	\$12.00	Daily
Twin Bedroom and Bath	\$16.00	Daily
Parlor, One Bedroom Suites	\$35-\$62	Daily
Parlor, Two Bedroom Suites	\$55-\$125	Daily

Reservations received after July 14, 1966
 cannot be assured accommodations

Arrival Date _____ Time _____ Depart _____

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

REINMAN REMEMBERS
WALTON SEWING PFC
STRIPES ON L. JOHNS

In a recent letter to The Octofoil while at home for 10 days from the hospital, Doc Reiman writes about a letter he got from Doc Walton and Doc was doing a lot of bragging about his son Dave making PFC in the Reserves.

Reiman says he remembers first time they made "Doc" Walton a PFC he sit up all night on the side of his bunk sewing PFC stripes on everything he had, even on the sleeves of those old Long Johns that were issued every now and then. Reiman swears he had that PFC stripe on his swimming trunks and on his BVD shorts.

GEN. "WESTY" WAS A
NO. A-1 BOY SCOUT

The May, 1966 issue of The Scouting Magazine has a full book-length story about the Ninth's own Gen. W. C. Westmoreland's boyhood days in South Carolina. The story is dressed up with many boyhood pictures of our General—especially pictures that were made made on scouting expeditions. Most of the material is furnished by neighbors who knew the general way back when? The Octofoil is grateful to George Dohmann, 2749 University Ave., Bronx 68, N. Y., for having sent The Octofoil his copy of the magazine. Other members also have sent in their copies. As soon as the space is available the story will be printed in The Octofoil intact.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-W!—
 An expectant father is a guy about to pop.

HARVEY NEEDS SOME
HELP IN FILING CLAIM

Any and everyone who was with Co. B, 60th Regt. during the early days of the African campaign can't help but remember Charles R. Harvey. However, that name Charles might be a bit baffling—but "Peter Rabbit" Harvey rings a bell with everyone. That's a name Lt. Henry S. Rigby, later Capt. Rigby, put on Harvey and it stuck.

Harvey was a small runt to be in the 4th Platoon lugging those heavy pieces around that weighed more than he himself weighed. But he kept plugging along, never complaining. Physical disabilities have been developing during recent months; the private medics advise Harvey they are certainly being caused and aggravated from the hell he went through while with Co. M's Heavy Weapons Platoon. Any former Co. B men who will contact "Peter Rabbit" will be extending a fellow Comrade a most deserving favor. The address is Charles R. Harvey, 7407 Huntridge Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45231.

"Peter Rabbit" plans on trying to attend the Washington Reunion, even if he has to rob his baby's piggy bank. If Pop Woodside, Henry Rigby, Red Wexler, Nick Cardavalli and a few more show up people around the Shoreham neighborhood will be sure the war has started all over again right in their own backyard.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-W!—

HOLICK HAS FOND
MEMORIES OF THE
CABBAGE HE FOUND

The Octofoil is in receipt of a nice letter from John Holick shortly after his release from the hospital. John's present address is 158 Jefferson Ave., Cresskill, N. J. 07626. He mentions meeting Doc Reiman while being hospitalized. John is struggling thru life on something like 1,000 calories per 24 hours. But that starvation diet hasn't caused him to lose his sense of humor. In his letter he mentions a couple of interesting happenings that should bring back some memories to many former Co. I, 39th men. John was wondering out loud how many of the G. Is were still around who shared the head of cabbage with him that he found in a garden in La Desert, France, in 1944. It was cut four ways, as evenly as possible.

A ghastly event that happened in the same area is still fresh in Holick's mind and he asks: "Who remembers the man who was wounded one evening and a medic went down to aid him in Las Desert. The next morning when we moved on, the soldier and medic were both dead in the same position. The medic giving aid to the soldier who was laying down and the medic still sitting down—a sight that I will never forget.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-W!—

O'NEIL'S BROTHER
IS MOST GRATEFUL

The Octofoil is in receipt of a "thank you" letter from Nick O'Neill, Veterans Hospital, B-1, Lyons, N. J. The letter was written by Nick's loyal brother.

Many thanks for the lovely card you sent my Brother Nick. You can't imagine how much he appreciated them. This is the first he ever heard from anyone as I believe some boy put his name in The Octofoil. How good this was of him—and sure enough some fellows wrote who was in the service with my brother. All these years he had a real nice position and now all he can do is sit in the wheel chair. He cannot even write but never complains. His best treat is to hear from some one. I have often wished I knew some way of helping him. So may be this is the start. Thanking everyone who has been kind enough to write, I am—Nick O'Neill, VA Hospital, Bldg. 1, Lyons, N. J.

Nick is a former 60th man—but unit connections mean nothing—he is a former 9th man—39th men, 47th and all attached unit men should drop Nick a card occasionally now that his devoted brother has explained how much getting a letter or card means to Nick.

Doc Reiman, a sick man himself, finds time to drop a cheerful card to these bedfast former 9th men. He received a nice letter from Nick's brother expressing the same kind of gratitude he expressed to The Octofoil. Get out the pen or pencil now.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!—
**Richard Metzl Sends
 Regards to 60th Men**

Richard Metzl, Kingston, N. Y., a former Co. D, 1st Bn. 60th man, sent in quite a fish story for this issue, but had pictures to prove his story. He sends regards to all his old buddies—and specially to M-Sgt. Karl Krause, Co. D.; M-Sgt. F. Henni, and M-Sgt. Robert Curr, all Co. D. 1st Bn., 60th.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-W!—

THOUGHTS OF A SOLDIER

(Reprinted by Request of several members.)

By BARBARA MULLER

*When I woke up today, I thank God for another day;
 A day to feel a part of life, but a day I felt for world's strife*

*I thought of our boys on foreign shores
 In Vietnam where there are no laws.
 I thought of the nights when they wait for their friends
 To come back from missions as each day ends.*

*They hope and pray—they are safe today,
 They wonder how long they will have to stay.
 They think of their homes, their girls, or their wives.
 They wonder what will become of their lives.*

*They think of the world in its mixed up way.
 It seems trouble goes on from day to day,
 With no peace and love among men,
 And they close their eyes and think again.
 They think the thoughts close to their hearts,
 And then once again the fighting starts;
 And once again they wonder why?
 It seems the same as each day goes by.*

*They're lonesome and tired and often times sad.
 They wonder if things will always be bad.
 They wonder if they will see us again.
 Please dear God watch over these men.*

15-Year-Old Georgia Boy Submits
Two Timely Poems For Publication

Printed elsewhere in this issue is a story with portions of a letter written by Lt. Prince from Vietnam. His name was sent The Octofoil by "Doc" Walton, the Sage of Rabun Gap, Jaw-Jaw, who gets his mail from the Rome, Ga., postoffice on the Old Dalton Road Rural Route. As stated elsewhere in this issue Doc was the first reader of The Octofoil who wrote in commenting on the hit Barbara Muller's poem was making in his neck of the woods. Now a young Georgia Cracker, Wayne Olinger, only 15 years of age, of 5 Clover St., Rome, Ga., has composed a couple of poems and sent them to Doc—who in turn has forwarded them to The Octofoil. The youngster's poems are printed below.

The Octofoil regrets not being able to publish The Mother's Day poem in an issue that would have preceded Mothers' Day. It reads:

"HE'LL BE BACK SOME DAY"

*My next door neighbor left the other day,
 To fight for his country and our Freedom today.*

*He went to Vietnam to help our boys through,
 And most of all he's fighting for you.*

*We send him crackers and cookies and junk,
 To eat on operations and in his bunk.*

*He's lonely and homesick now I know,
 He wants to come home soon you know.*

*The harder he tries the sooner he'll be back,
 Carrying his clothes in his old knapsack.*

*Those who have sons in Vietnam,
 Should have a say with Uncle Sam.*

*They are fighting to make Vietnam free,
 That's one fact we can plainly see.*

*So Steve we want you home and,
 The Lord knows how.*

*Please tell the other boys the same,
 We love them all if we don't know their names.
 —Wayne Olinger (age 15), 5 Clover St., Rome, Ga. Phone
 232-2055.*

"HE WANTS TO COME HOME"

*Oh! what sad and lonely Mother's Day,
 For a Mother whose son is far away.*

*He's gone to fight for us each day,
 We know he'll be back some day.*

*It may be in the coldest of the winter
 Or the hottest of the summer,
 But he'll be back.*

*You can feel your heart grow warmer,
 If in the winter or the summer.*

*He'll hold his head high as he walks in the door,
 There'll be greetings and love that you have stored.*

*You'll look back to the day he left,
 And remember exactly how you felt.*

*You'll see how he's changed in many ways,
 Now didn't I tell you he'd be back some day.
 —Wayne Olinger (age 15), 5 Clover St., Rome, Ga. Phone
 232-2055.*

THE MEMORIAL FUND OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION Scholarship Information

The Memorial Fund of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was established by the members of the association to commemorate the memory of their comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice in battle. As a part of this fund the association established a scholarship program. Scholarships are awarded each year to relatives of men who served in The Ninth Infantry Division. Each scholarship is for one year.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be related to a man who served with The Ninth Infantry Division. Children of former members of the division will be given first consideration, but children of men killed in combat given first preference. Applicants who are not children of former members of the division will not be considered unless no child of a former member qualifies.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures must be followed by those wishing to apply for the scholarships:

1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended and graduated; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name of and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.
2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.
3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school he or she is attending write a letter of recommendation to the chairman of the scholarship committee.
4. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every October. The applicant must see that the results of the PSAT are sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These results may be included with the high school transcript or sent to the chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. The SAT of the CEEB may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.
5. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
6. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
7. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.
8. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, a financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.
9. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP in the LADIES' AUXILIARY of the NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Tippi Plunkett, Secretary-Treasurer
Ninth Infantry Division Association Ladies' Auxiliary
286 Zimpfer Street, Columbus, Ohio

I would like to become a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Enclosed is check or money order for \$1.50 for 1966 dues. Please mail my membership card to —

Name

Street

City State

While attached to the 9th Infantry Division my _____
(state relationship, whether the Ninth Division man was a husband, father, brother, son, etc.)

was with _____
give company, regiment, battery, attached unit, etc.)

Make checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to Secretary-Treasurer Tippi Plunkett, 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio. A 1966 counter-signed membership card will be sent as soon as possible.

By order of the President:

MRS. BETTY MacDOUGALL, President

BETTY LESCHAK HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED

In a letter of April 12 Paul Leschak writes that his good wife Betty, has been hospitalized. They're both hoping she has sufficiently recovered so they can take that trek to Washington to the 1966 Reunion the last of July.

Leschak enclosed the names of a few Cannon Co. 39th Inf. men and their addresses, which were:

C. K. Shawley, 2083 11th St., Tyrone, Pa.

Jim Heaton, Rt. 2, Albion, Pa.

Dale Keilty Box 24061, Northgate P.O., El Paso, Texas.

Paul and Betty still live in Pittsburgh, Pa.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

The real trouble with money is that you can't use it more than once.

ED McCHOWSKI VISITS NEW YORK BRIEFLY

Arthur Schmidt advses The Octofoil that Ed McChowski visited the big city of New York on April 20 for a short time attending a salesman's convention at the Lancaster Hotel.

Ed sends his regards to all his old buddies.

Among other activities of "Baron" Schmidt was to raise hell with the DAV Magazine for not including the date in July the 9th Reunion would be held in Washington. The matter was well taken care of in the current DAV Mag editions due to the terrific influence The Baron's "Big Stick" carries.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

What melts in your mouth may bulge in front of your mirror.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Graft is what you're not in on.

AL GEIST CALLS FOR REUNION OF "H" CO. 39TH INF. BUDDIES

Al Geist, former Company Commander of "H" Co., 39th Regt., has mailed a letter to all former "H" Co. men whose address he has. He does not have them all — hence he has asked The Octofoil to reprint a copy of the letter he mailed out, which reads:

To all Co. "H" Men and Wives:

Well fellows, it is that time again for my yearly letter and appeal for each of you to make every effort to attend the 21st annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. This year it will be held in Washington, D. C. on July 28-29 and 30, at the Shoreham Hotel. This is a beautiful hotel with a very elaborate swimming pool for the wife and kiddies. Besides, there is so much for the family to see in our nation's capital. Please try to make it.

SPECIAL APPEAL—

Now, for a very special appeal: Sal Trapani, the 1st Platoon Medic, is a member of the Washington, D. C. Chapter of the Association. He is the Program Chairman for this Reunion. He has suggested that "H" Co., 39th Inf. take a page in the souvenir program. This is a darn good idea, and to make it easy and convenient for each of you, I am enclosing a stamped self addressed envelope for you to mail to Sal with only \$1 and your name (and wife's) will be listed on the "H" Co. page in the program. Sal was a very good medic in the 1st Platoon and he needs and deserves our support now. Send him your buck right now while it is fresh in your mind and before it's TOO LATE. Of course you can take one-sixth, one-fourth, one-third, one-half or a full page if you so desire. Please get your buck to Sal so that we can have a good representation on the "H" Co. page.

Hoping to see all of you in Washington, D. C. for the Reunion, I remain

Sincerely yours,

ALBERT C. GEIST,

11400 S. Millard Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60555.

P.S.: Any of you who see a former "H" Co. man who did not receive one of these letters, get him to send in a buck also.

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Harry Orenstein Grieves Passing of Art Green

Printed elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil will be noted a picture of Arthur Green that was taken while he was attending the Fort Bragg Reunion. Art had many close friends in the Ninth Division, especially with the Q.M. men. One in particular who will grieve the passing of Art Green for many a day is Harry Orenstein, 640 E. 139th St., Bronx, N. Y. Harry sends his condolences to Arthur's father. He will be missed at the Washington Reunion. He had already made plans to be there. The Octofoil joins with Arthur Green's thousands of friends in the Association and extends sympathy to the bereaved father and other surviving members of the family.

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Walton "In Action"



From Far-away Vietnam Lieut. Steve Prince sent The Octofoil the above picture of the one and only "Doc" Paul Walton. The lieutenant advises that the Walton clan was having a Sunday picnic down on some of his folks' farm and they got the above picture of Doc. The lieutenant kinda inferred that Doc looked natural only with one hand full of chow and a slug of something to swallow in the other.

THE OCTOFOIL'S "LITTLE POET LAUREATE" . . .



BARBARA MULLER

Thanks to Al Rago and his wife The Octofoil was able to get the above picture of a wonderful girl. She is the poetess who composed a poem, "Thoughts of a Soldier," published in the January-February issue of The Octofoil. The Octofoil's attention was first called to the popularity of the poem when "Doc" Walton, Rome, Ga., wrote and advised one of his children had read the poem to the other students of a Rome School. Demands were being made for mimeograph copies. Many were prepared and distributed. Then wires and letters began coming from patriotic organizations all over the country. Typical of the letters, one read in part: "Att.: Mr. Paul S. Plunkett, Editor, Octofoil. Gentlemen: Would you be kind enough to forward a few copies of your January-February 1966 publication of The Octofoil which contained the poem, 'Thoughts of a Soldier.' Whatever the charges are, do not hesitate to let us know. Thanking you in advance—Legionally—Dorothy Cunningham, Corresponding Adjutant, Nassau (N.Y.) County Committee American Legion Posts."

Barbara's address is 35 New St., Uniondale, L.I., N. Y., 11553. The Octofoil is taking the liberty of reprinting the poem since many sent in requesting copies of the January-February issue after the supply had become exhausted.

Al Rago is a hard working member of New York Chapter. Mrs. Rago originally sent Barbara's poem to The Octofoil. She and Al worked together in getting the above photo of Barbara for the Octofoil. The Rago family is a neighboring family of Barbara's, they live at 4738 New St., Uniondale.

Roy Code Is On His Way Back to Oklahoma Teepee

From far-off Karachi, West Pakistan, P. O. Box 3958, Frere Hall Post-office, Roy Code types out a letter and relays the good news that he is coming stateside for a much needed and deserved vacation. His address will be Roy Code, Box 430, Meeker, Oklahoma. Parts of his letter reads:

Dear Dan: How goes things in the Big PX these days? I am trying to wind up my business here and hope to be on the way home for my vacation soon. I plan to spend a few days in Europe on the way—but very few!

I am sending a check for \$2.50. I would like for you to send two Octofoil Automobile License Discs and five decals to me at my father's address. I may as well let people know who is going down the road and in front as usual. The extra four bits should handle the postage.

Code writes that if anyone knows where one of those elusive 47th Regt. history books are to let him know and regardless of the price asked—he'll make a deal for the copy. Contact him at his dad's, Meeker, Okla., Box 431.

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AUGUST KREYE WILL BE SADLY MISSED

On more occasions than one members attending Reunions have asked: "Who is that fellow who sticks close to Big Bill Kreye?" That "fellow" happened to be Sgt. Kreye's dad—and he really enjoyed attending the Reunions—meeting and talking with his "little boy's" buddies.

Now Sgt. Bill will attend the Reunions without his fine old dad—August Kreye, who passed away suddenly on May 24. The Kreye family is and was a closely knit and devoted to each other family. The Octofoil joins with Bill's hundreds of buddies from his dearly beloved 39th Regt. and extends heartfelt sympathy to each and every one of the bereaved members of the family who survive this fine Senior citizen gentleman—August Kreye.

DICK KELLY WANTS INFO ABOUT THOSE AWARDS

Richard A. Kelly, 19 Donellan Rd., Scarsdale, N. Y. 10583, writes Secy. Dan Quinn and asks his status in the Association. Since he was on the original Board around Ingolstadt he is anxious to keep in good standing. Another paragraph in Dick's letter read:

"Some years ago The Octofoil ran a piece about obtaining any awards that might be coming your way. As I recall, you wrote a Records Department which informed you as to what you had earned. With this information you then contacted some place like the Quartermaster in Philadelphia. If possible I would like to go about getting them. The kids, all five of them, are getting to be old enough to appreciate them. And, I guess, me also."

Richard A. Kelly was a Tech Sgt., Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 47th Regt.

Secy. Quinn advises The Octofoil the following procedure is necessary to get in line for the awards:

Write the Adjutant General, Decorations and Awards Branch, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 2000. The letter should contain full particulars about the individual's military service, units to which assigned, dates of assignment and other information that might be helpful in identifying the writer. Complete name and serial number.

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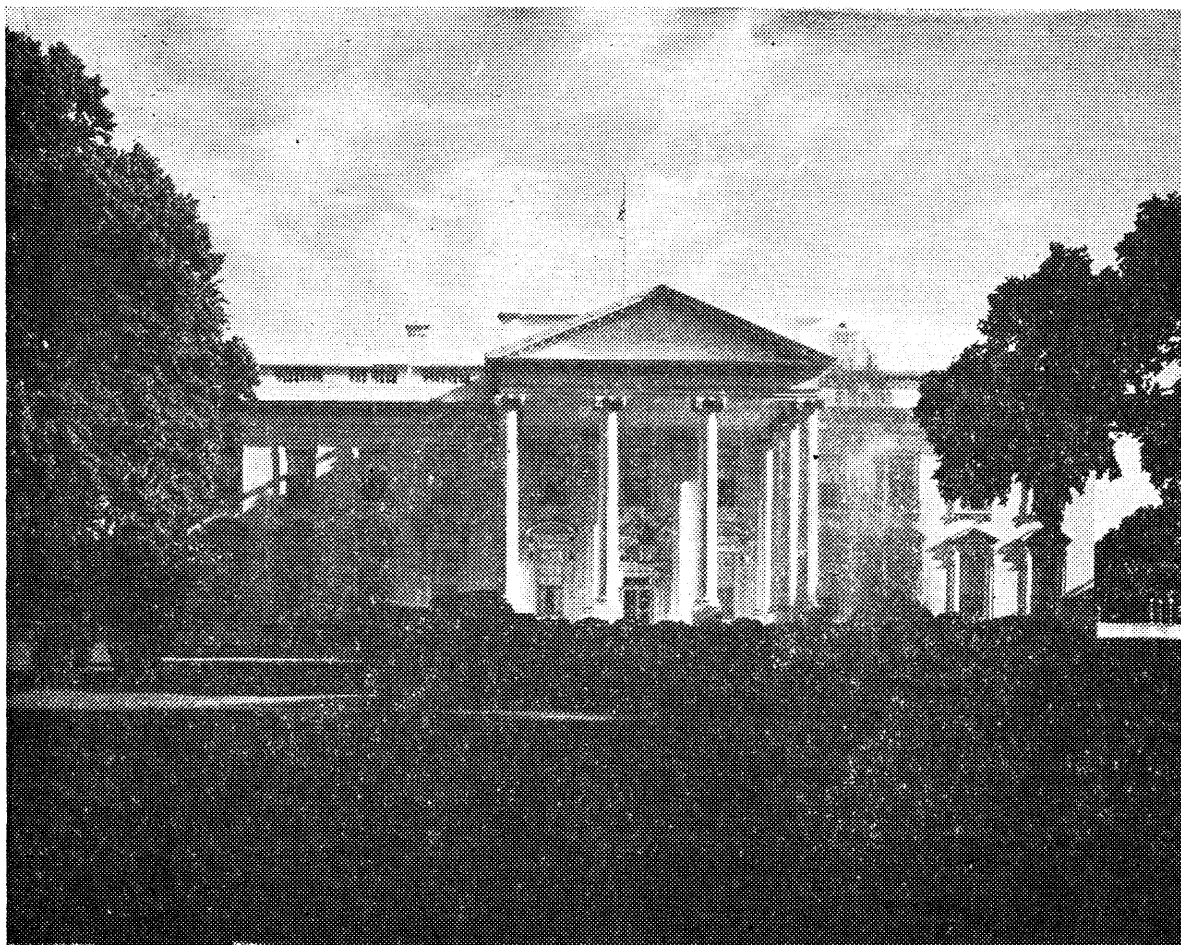
"Wild Bill" Zweil Is "Lapping Up" Sunshine

Although the winds may blow—they don't seem to phase "Wild Bill" Zweil. He and Betty mailed The Octofoil a card during the latest Hurricane Alma's visit to the Florida coastal towns. They were right in the middle of it all—but sent a picture of their temporary Motel home and drew arrows pointing to spots they claim were safe from any Hurricane. They're sorry to have missed the New York picnic but are planning on being in Washington.

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There are over 300 "John Smiths" in the New York telephone directory and not a single "Pocahontas."

IF TIME PERMITS MAYBE 9TH VISITORS WILL MAKE WHITE HOUSE VISIT



THE WHITE HOUSE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. has been occupied by every President of the United States since John and Abigail Adams first took possession in 1800. The White House was designed by an Irish-American, James Hoban, who won a \$500 prize for the best design for the President's house in 1792. Although many changes have taken place inside the mansion the exterior is practically as Hoban designed it. The residence was completely renovated during the administration of Harry Truman and the interior was beautified and redecorated by Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy. The White House is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Tuesday through Saturday.

Everett Tapp Sends Sad News About Art Green's Death

On May 20 The Octofoil received a letter from Everett Tapp, 20303 Ann Arbor Tr., Dearborn Heights, Mich., in which he gave The Octofoil the sad news about an automobile accident that Arthur Green, a former 9th Q.M. had had been in. Everett visited Green several times while he was in a VA Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind.

Then on June 8 a letter from Everett with the sad, sad news arrived, telling of Arthur's death. Parts of the letter reads as follows and is self-explanatory:

"It is my sad duty to inform The Octofoil of the death of Arthur Green, St. Paul, Ind. Arthur was a member of the Association and planned attending the Washington Reunion in July.

He passed away June 2 of injuries suffered in an automobile accident on May 8th.

I soldiered with Arthur as a 3rd Platoon member, 9th Q.M. I visited Arthur at the hospital on May 21 and motored back to St. Paul, Ind. on Saturday to attend funeral services. The services were full military rites. Arthur was 46 years old and leaves a father, Ely Green, 84 years old, and an aunt, Mrs. Mable Loutes.

Arthur left the Division Dec. 25, 1944 because of being a victim to a Kraut strafing operation.

The Octofoil joins with Art's many hundreds of other former 9th Division buddies and extends heartfelt condolences to the bereaved dad and other members of the family who survive Arthur.

President Bonkowski Visits Family of the Deceased Senator

President John Bonkowski was grief-stricken when he received the message that Senator Patrick V. McNamara of Michigan had passed on. The Senator died the day President Bonkowski was in Pittsburgh for the Board meeting. He spent an hour with the Senator's family the night before he was buried. The President graciously mailed to The Octofoil a few of the Holy Pictures that were given out.

NARROW ESCAPE

President Bonkowski tells of a narrow escape he and his party had enroute to the Board meeting. He tells about it thusly:

"Except for one very close call on the way to the meeting, we had a good trip. Somewhere along the Ohio Turnpike we came across an oil slick that caused the car to go into a spin. In the process of straightening the car on course, the right front door swung open and I was just fortunate to hold Rosalie's arm and with Bob's assistance from the back managed to keep her from being thrown out."

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Reiman In and Out

The last two letters from Walter "Doc" Reiman have come from the Kingsbridge VA Hospital, Bronx, N. Y., E 207—Bed 40, so evidently they have decided to keep him in one spot for a little while. He is quite a prolific writer. The pictures he has sent The Octofoil of the non-sectarian chapel at the Bronx facility is really something to behold!

ORBAND CONTINUES TO SIGN UP NEW MEMBERS

Any time Tom Orband takes a trip away from home Secy. Quinn can depend on getting a letter from Tom somewhere out in the wide open spaces which will contain a couple of names for membership in the Association. Tom just ferrets them out of nowhere when he's on the prowl. His home base of operations is 29 Delmar St., Binghamton, N. Y. Tom is a former 39th man.

Orband's latest short note to Secy. Quinn reads: "Arrived home safely. Stopped at Middletown and signed up Frank Drygone as a new member. His address is 96 Beattie Ave., Middletown, N.Y., a former Co. I, 39th man from January, 1941 until February, 1946.

A few days later in comes another letter from Tom Orband. You guessed it: another new member. The note read: "I took a ride to Elmira today to see Al Bacile. He is now commander of the Italian American Veterans. He is doing a good job. Then I looked up my old friend Pete Carozzo. You can see I have him as a NEW member. Pete works a lot with kids. In 1963 the Italian American Veterans won the championship. Peter was the manager that year and was mighty proud of what was accomplished.

Dan, how many of our members realize that May 1 is Mr. and Mrs. McInerney's 50th wedding anniversary? Regards to all.—Tom O.

The Octofoil suggests right here and now that someone get up on the 1966 Reunion floor and get a motion picture through that the Association have a plaque made and presented to Tom Orband for the wonderful work he has done and is doing for the Association.

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AL RAGO TAKES TIME OUT FROM BUSINESS TO HELP THE V.F.W.

Alfred F. Rago is a pretty busy individual, trying to get adjusted in his new ranch type home at 23 Abbey Lane, Plainview, N. Y. 11803 and operating his place of business featuring Gifts, Calendars, Key Tags, Nameplate, Business Card and Printing. However, he isn't too busy to take time out and help see that the Uniondale Veterans of Foreign Wars Post operates smoothly. Al was installed as commander of this progressive Long Island VFW Post.

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Bill Palady Has a New Address

Here it is:
Bill Palady,
403 29th St.
McKeesport, Pa.

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What this country needs is an alarm clock that rings when you're ready to get up.

NEW YORK NINTH BOYS... WITH MSGR. DeLAURA'S HELP, STAGED IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL SERVICES

(Editor's Note: Although no signature was attached to the nicely prepared report on the New York Chapter's Memorial Services held May 21, 1966, through the grapevine it has been learned that Past National President Walter O'Keefe and Board Member Harry Orenstein collaborated and prepared the most interesting report that follows. The Octofoil is most grateful for the parties responsible for preparing the report.)

PROGRAM FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES

Saturday, May 21, 1966

The Ninth Infantry Division Association

NEW YORK CHAPTER
Pinelawn National Cemetery

1. Assemble at Main Gate — 11:30 A. M.
2. March to Flag Pole.
3. Introductions, by Daniel Quinn
4. Chairman Frank Fazio
5. New York Chapter President Emil Langer
6. Gid Star People (Mr. Michael McInerney)
7. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony DeLaura
8. Placing of wreath—Taps.

Under normal conditions most of us consider July 10, 1944 as being a long time ago, but when we see that date inscribed on a tombstone at Pinelawn National Cemetery the years telescope and it seems like only yesterday. On that day 22 years ago the Ninth Infantry Division fought against stiff opposition in the hedgerows of Normandy Peninsula, and on that day the man who lies below the cross in Pinelawn gave his life while wearing the Octofoil of the 9th Infantry Division.

BELOVED CHAPLAIN ATTENDS

To honor these men who made the Supreme Sacrifice while serving in the Ninth Inf. Div., the members of New York Chapter visited Pinelawn National Cemetery and held a Memorial Service at the main flagpole. Msgr. De Laura, the beloved Chaplain of the 47th Inf., attended the services and led the prayers for our departed comrades. Msgr. De Laura recalled that during the war it was his sad duty to bury many of these men in foreign soil, and that after the war he again prayed over them when they were buried in their native land. Msgr. De Laura reminded the men of the Chapter that they must never forget the great sacrifice that has been made by the fallen members of the Division.

After Msgr. De Laura concluded his remarks, Emil Langer, President of the New York Chapter and Frank Fazio, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, placed a wreath at the foot of the flagpole. The ceremony was brought to a fitting conclusion by Ricki Varone who played Taps. Ricki, the son of Tony Varone, did a wonderful job and his rendition of Taps brought tears to the eyes of many an old soldier.

PLACE MARKERS

When the service at the flagpole was over, the members of the Chapter went into the cemetery and placed Ninth Division markers on the graves of our departed comrades. Since so many Ninth Division men are interred at Pinelawn, it was impossible to decorate all the graves, so this part of the ceremony was confined to the graves of the men who were killed overseas.

REMEMBERS EDITOR'S SON

Secretary Dan Quinn and other members of the Chapter, visited and placed a bouquet on the grave of Charles Plunkett, the son of Paul Plunkett, Editor of The Octofoil.

Before leaving the cemetery, President Langer expressed his thanks to the members of the Chapter, and said that he was especially pleased to see so many wives and children present. Emil also thanked Ralph Witzkin for the beautiful markers that Ralph had made up for the occasion. The following members of the New York Chapter were present on May 21, 1966, at Pinelawn National Cemetery:

Marty Bree.
Henry Caldero and wife.
Msgr. De Laura.
Joseph Devine.
Francis Duffy.
Edward Egan.
Frank Fazio.
George Fraenkel.
Pat Grasso.
Vincent Guglielmino and daughter, Jim Hayes.
Emil Langer and son.
Al Lechmanik and wife.
Mr. M. McInerney (a Gold Star parent)
John Marcogliese
Dominick Miele
Walter J. O'Keefe
Harry Orenstein

Al Orletti
John Parisi and Son
Daniel Quinn
John Rizzo and wife
Jack Scully
Joe Uschak
Tony Varone, wife and children
Ralph Witzkin
The following list consists of the names of the men whose graves were visited and decorated by members of the New York Chapter on May 21, 1966:

The number that follows the rank and regiment is the soldier's grave number. The following are buried in Section J:

Daniel F. Wallace, PFC, 39th Inf., 13624.
Felice Guglielmino, PFC, 47th Inf., 13678.
Orazio J. Salvo, S-Sgt., 47th Inf., 13772.
Anthony A. Adamo, Pvt., 60th Inf., 13777.
John Dargis, PFC, 60th Inf., 13791.
Howard R. Grenz 2nd Lt., 39th Inf., 13842.
Leo Davon, Pvt., 47th Inf., 13843.
Stephen B. Dischiavi, Pvt., 60th Inf., 14052.
Chester R. Coons Sgt., 60th Inf., 14062.
Maxiano L. Pinzon, T-5, 39th Inf., 14148.
Joseph R. Fararo, S-Sgt., 39th Inf., 14363.
Edward H. Geliche, Pvt., 60th Inf., 14651.
Mandel M. Murphy, Pvt., 60th Inf., 14669.
John S. Kinloch, Pvt., 39th Inf., 14702.
Albert L. Schmidt, PFC, 47th Inf., 14852.
Charles Chu Sun, T-3, 60th Inf., 14884.
Lawrence J. Gionet, PFC, 60th Inf., 14886.
Daniel J. Griffin, PFC, 47th Inf., 15062.
Antonio B. DeFilippa, S-Sgt., 39th Inf., 15128.
Fred E. Hitchcock, Jr., T-5, 9th Signal Corps, 15244.
Roland J. Booth, PFC, 39th Inf., 15436.
Rosario Comaretto, PFC, 39th Inf., 15566.
John W. Daly, PFC, 60th Inf., 15771.
Enrico Picco, PFC, 47th Inf., 15942.
Cornelius J. McCarthy PFC, 39th Inf., 15990.
Henry D. Ziomba, S-Sgt., 47th Inf., 16061.
Dante Milazzo, Sgt., 60th Inf., 16062.
Thomas H. Maher, 2nd Lt., 39th Inf., 16127.
Frederick R. Bennett, PFC, 60th Inf., 16115.
Keijo J. Laakso, PFC, 39th Inf., 16241.
Joseph Pizzano, CPL., 39th Inf., 16323.
Kwok D. May, PFC, 60th Inf., 16333.
William F. Berwick, PFC, 39th Inf., 16353.
Frank P. Mayer, CPL., 60th Inf., 16428.

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PAUL KELLER SPOTS OCTOFOILS IN MOST UNEXPECTED PLACES

Paul Keller, Board member from Columbus, Ohio, runs into present-day Ninth men, former Ninth men or someone who has a Ninth connection just about everywhere he goes. He called The Octofoil recently to make this report:

"I stopped in a pizza joint last night and noticed a young soldier with an Octofoil shoulder patch on his sleeve. I walked over and introduced myself. He was a second lieutenant, right out of OCS at Fort Benning, and was enroute to Fort Riley, Kansas. His name was Lt. John Morris and he was born in Korea. He had made no arrangement for a place to sleep—so I took the young officer home with me for the night."

Keller is a former 39th man. The next day Lt. John Morris was on his way to Fort Riley. A few days later Paul Keller received a very interesting letter from the lieutenant. He had arrived okay and although only 19 years of age was the Commander of Bty. "A," 84th F.A. at the Fort—youngest commanding officer of a unit on the base. In his letter to Keller he told of having been interested in Boy Scout work since he joined at the age of 13 until he took up Army work as a vocation.

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George Dohmann Has New Address

George W. Dohmann's old address was 2479 University Ave., Bronx, N. Y. 10468.
Mail and papers sent to George hereafter should be addressed to 2344 Davidson Ave., Bronx, N. Y. 10468.

Arthur Green Meets Untimely Accidental Death



The above picture was made at Fort Bragg during the Reunion there. Noted in the picture are three old Q.M. men. Arthur Green, in the center, to his right is Harry Orenstein and to the left, Bill Palady—all Q.M. buddies. Arthur was injured in an auto accident on May 8, and passed away on June 2. Additional details in a story sent in by Everett Tapp is printed elsewhere in this issue of the Octofoil.

THE JEFFERSON MEMORIAL REFLECTS TASTES OF THE GREAT PRESIDENT



An aerial view of the Jefferson Memorial—West of 14th St., S.W., near the 14th Street Bridge, between the Tidal Basin and the Potomac River—on the south bank of the Tidal Basin stands the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, its chase columns and simple lines reflecting the taste of the man himself. Within is an heroic bronze statue and on the walls are portions of writings of this singular and many-sided President of our democratic faith.

NEW YORKERS HOLD JUNE 3 GET-TOGETHER IN HILTON'S PETITE CAFE

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT,
69-20 69th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11227
HYacynth 7-3993

President 4-7100, Ext. 12

While writing this report on the June 3 New York Chapter meeting my mind is on tomorrow's Chapter picnic. We always have a good time at these affairs—plenty of good stuff to eat with plenty of suds to wash it down. Fazio reported at the meeting everything was in readiness for the picnic.

The June 3 meeting was held at the La Petite Cafe Room of the Statler Hilton Hotel, 33rd St. and 7th Ave., New York City. At least 45 members were present. Chaplain Al Lachmanek opened the meeting with a prayer for our departed comrades. Secretary Miele read the minutes of last meeting which were approved as read. Pres. Langer then announced a new face was present—Joe Brady, 9th M.P.s—now of New Hyde Park, N. Y. It was also pointed out that Al Rago was making a rare but welcome appearance.

THANKS FROM MIELE

Secretary Miele thanked the members for sending him "Get-Well" cards. The trouble he was having with his voice seemed to be on the mend.

IN THE BLACK

Treasurer Feinberg reported that the Chapter was in the black—but admitted the balance had gone down a bit.

WADALAVAGE REPORTS

Adolph Wadalavage, Chapter Welfare Officer, reported that Bill Kreye's father had passed away and that he had sent the family a card in the name of the Association. He said he had also written Doc Reiman. It was reported that Ray Ledwith was back in the hospital. Dan Quinn reported that John Holick was out of the hospital and planned to attend the picnic.

MR. MAC ATTENDS FUNERAL

Mr. Michael McInerney, our popular Gold Star dad, paid his respects to Bill Kreye's father by going to the funeral. The writer and his mother also attended the services.

President Langer remarked that the memorial services at Pinelawn National Cemetery were excellent. He asked Frank Fazio for a report on the event. Harry Orenstein also gave a report on the services. The membership gave Orenstein a round of applause for giving an excellent report. Fazio mentioned there might be as many as 300 men buried in Sections H and J. He feels that each year these services will become larger and have more meaning. Fazio said a list of the graves visited would be published. He also advised that Father DeLaura expressed a hope that this event would become one of the most important events on the agenda of the Chapter's calendar each year.

RESERVATIONS

President Langer urged members get in reservations for the Reunion. He said members could do so by

calling YUkon 6-3048. Quinn asked that members send in their money for booster and display ads in the Reunion Journal either to him or to Sal Trapani.

Al Orletti, who knows how to make members loosen up with the shekels, made the collection for the dark horse prize.

It was mentioned that Harry Orenstein was going off the National Board of Governors and that the membership ought to think up a replacement for him. The following were nominated to serve as members of various Reunion committees:

Finance Committee: George Apar, Chairman, and Vincent Guglielmino, alternate.

Nominating Committee: Al Lechmanek, Chairman.

Newspaper Committee: Arthur J. Schmidt, Chairman, and Anthony Varone, alternate.

Miscellaneous Committee: Harry Orenstein, and Doc Seslowe.

Dom Miele gave a detailed report on the membership. He said the Chapter has over 300 paid up members, and the membership had increased over last year. Pres. Langer announced there would be no July meeting. President Langer urged that there be a large representation of New York Chapter members at the Washington Reunion.

At the writer's suggestion, the Chapter voted to provide Dominick Miele \$50 for his Reunion expenses. President Langer gave out birthday presents to members with birthdays in June.

Russo won the dark horse prize, but donated it as a raffle prize for the picnic. There were all kinds of refreshments, including coffee, pastries, cold cuts, beer and soda. The refreshments were dispensed by the capable hands of Jack Scully.

All roads lead to Washington, D. C.
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Gen. Randle Will Return to Boyhood School Grounds

Although they keep shuttling "old" Doc Walter H. Reiman from one VA hospital to another, he still seems able to keep up with what's going on and keeps The Octofoil informed more than any two men could hope to accomplish.

Right now Doc is in the Kingsbridge Hospital, Bronx, N. Y., he prefers letters be sent to his home address: 6310 Polk St., West New York, N. J. 07093.

In a letter dated June 3, Doc has this to say:

"Just received a letter from Gen. Edwin Randle. He said in 1913 he graduated from a military academy in Alton, Ill. They have invited the general to return this year (1966) and give the commencement address to the Class of 1966. That is over two generations later."

Get Copy To Octofoil On Or Before August 27th

To ask for copy and pictures to be sent The Octofoil on or before Aug. 10 doesn't give enough time for the proper preparation of minutes or processing of pictures. The Octofoil editor will be in New York City for two weeks in mid-August attending the national Veterans of Foreign Wars convention. Upon returning to Columbus August 26 the accumulated mail will be processed—and the edition carrying full convention information and pictures should be delivered before Labor Day. Have all copy and pictures in Columbus on or before August 27th.

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JOE O'NEILL PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

Frank Machek lives on Rt. 2, Uniondale, Pa. He is a former H Co., 47th Inf. man. In his letter of May 6 he sends some sad news as follows:

Dear Dan: Well, I have some sad news for you. I don't know if you remember Joe O'Neill from the 47th Inf. 2nd Bn. Hq. in the Am. and Pioneer section. He had asthma a few months and then died quite suddenly. He and I were planning to attend the last Reunion in New York but I couldn't get away because my farming keeps me busy. Dan, I do enjoy The Octofoil very much and see that Walter Victor is active. If you see him, extend my kindest regards.

The years are really passing. Each year I say I'm going to drop all my work and go to a Reunion but I can get no one to do my work while I'm away.

I still can hear Scully with his hearty laugh. Dan, give my regards to Frank, Jack and the rest of the boys. If you, Jack, Frank or any of the boys ever get up this way a most welcome sign will greet you. I live just around the corner from the Elks Mountain Ski Center and Recreation area. This is a busy place in the winter. People seem to come from everywhere.

Does anyone ever hear from Harry Herman. He was in H Co.—With the best of luck to all—Frank Machek.

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QUINN SAYS: "GEN. HOYLE A GOOD MAN AND GOOD MEMBER"

Maj. Gen. R. E. D. Hoyle recently sent in his dues to the Association. He was the first commanding general of the Ninth Infantry Division 1940-42. His home address is 80 Hepburn Rd., Hamden, Conn. 06517.

Noting in fine print in Secretary Dan Quinn's handwriting was some scribbling on the Association's membership record book after Gen. Hoyle's name. After a lot of effort was expended the Secretary's "code" notation was deciphered and it read: "A good member—a damn good one."

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Heredity is what makes the mother and father of teenagers wonder a little about each other.

NEW YORK PICNIC WAS A SUCCESS; WADALAVAGE IN "DOG HOUSE"

The New York Chapter's picnic held near Scotch Plains, N. Y. on June 13 was a tremendous success. It was even a success to a couple of members who had to be pushed or towed by Good Samaritans on the highway—to and from the picnic—these two, Arthur Schmidt and Adolph Wadalavage. The Schmidt chariot in which the trip was made—had no brakes, the rear end conked out; a good Samaritan pushed the nomads into a safe parking place—walking a long distance to a subway. Wadalavage and his two sons got home to a frantic wife and mother just before daybreak. Adolph has written Schmidt not to call the Wadalavage residence's phone any time in the future unless he knows Mrs. Wadalavage is away from the house. The report Schmidt filed on the picnic is printed below in part:

By ARTHUR SCHMIDT
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President 4-7100; Ext. 12

Some of the early arrivals at the picnic were Dom Miele, Al Rago, Emil Langer, George Fraenkel, John Mutchko, Adolph Wadalavage, Walter O'Keeffe, John Rizzo, Jack Scully, Frank Fazio, Jack Wilson, Joe Twill, Ralph Witzkin, Mrs. Langer, Joe Ushak, Parisi, Don Graff, Stanley Mronzinski, Walter Karpinski, Silvio Moscato, Gregory Moscato, Mathew Moscato. All went right to work.

Rizzo was roasting franks; Fazio and Langer took over the hamburger grill; Joe Ushak was at the beer stand, while Wadalavage was peeling onions; Dominick Moscato and Gregory Moscato, 1181 E. 214th St., New York, did a good job at the clam bar. Mathew Moscato was also working at the clam bar; Mutchko was on the pickle detail; J. Giacobelli and J. Shaw were helping on clams; Doc Seslow loaned a hand at roasting the frankfurters; Al Lechmanek did a good job selling raffle tickets; Hermine Suarez and Parisi supervised the athletic games.

EVERYONE WORKING

To serve beer was Steve Budishis; Ed Egan and Frances Smiles roasted hamburgers; Fraenkel did a good job selling raffle tickets. Jack Scully, Serge DePinto and Eleanor Caron were helping to keep the sausages in supply; Fraenkel and Witzkin were distributing ice cream. Assisting in awarding raffle prizes were Miele, Rizzo, Lechmanek, O'Keeffe and Verge, Harry Wax, Al Rago, and Fazio were working the steak line. Last, but not least, Scully, Quinn, Ushak, Wadalavage Wilson, Fitzpatrick, Cosenza, Twill, Bermuda Schwartz, Joe Birchler and Connelly worked on the policing up detail. Some names may have been unintentionally omitted—some may have been misspelled—if so humble apologies are offered.

GIRLS WIN RACE

The "rocks in a bag" relay race was won by the girls: Joanne Giordano, Jane DePinto, Margaret McCarthy, Nancy Wooster, Peggy Twill, Doreen Caron, Patricia Renee Graff, Gail Marie Mason Linda D'Amico and Venra. They were all supposed to get an extra ice cream. However, it seems that Peggy Twill didn't understand this and all afternoon she was asking her father, Joe Twill, where her prize was. In the future all winners will have to know definitely what the prizes will be.

SHOES ON—SHOES OFF

The shoes on and off races were won by Margaret Kane, Frank Muccio, Patricia Garrity, Patricia Edwards and Ken Conroy tied. All of these winners won \$100. The Over and Under race was won by John Mutchko, Margaret McCarthy, Nancy Wooster, Gregg Wooster, Doreen Caron, and Patricia Edwards. The Tug of War contest was won by the girls.

SURPRISE VISITOR

The picnickers were surprised to have a visitor—Earl Morel, Hqtrs. Co., 47th, now of Eau Claire, Wis. He and his wife had been visiting friends in Murray Hill (nearby), and they saw the 9th Infantry Division signs on U. S. Highway No. 22. He thought he would just drop in to say hello, but found himself having such a good time meeting and talking to former buddies that he told the people he was visiting to leave and "come back later for him." He is not a member of any chapter but says he enjoys reading The Octofoil.

After the sad experience of trying to get my mother, Adolph and his two sons home—an effort was made to give the Schmidt family car to a filling station operator. He refused to take it for free. However the chances are real good that the Schmidts and Wadalavages will make it to Washington safe—a new Buick Skylark is now in the Schmidt family garage—waiting for the trip to Washington.

Thanks to Secy. Dom Miele of the New York Chapter the following list

of prize winners and the prize donors were prepared for use in The Octofoil:

Winners' names and prizes won at the picnic were as follows:
McDonald—Soap (4 pcs.)
Marrero—Box of candy.
Ceremeci—Box chiclets.
Muscato—Ash tray.
McCarthy—Apron.
Kerley—Perfume (bottle).
Feinberg—Apron.
Giacovelli—Ash Tray.
Schmidt—Ash Tray.
Aniello—Ash Tray.
Lupie—Ash Tray.
Francine Guglielmino—Two tickets to Broadway show.
Gaff—Pail full of groceries.
Mutchko—Hi-Intensity lamp.
Lechmanik — Ceramic Vase of Flowers.

Trampantone—Part-time set.
Murrell—Hi-Intensity lamp.
Wax—Roto broiler.
Wilson—Hi Intensity lamp.
Dilluvio—Pail with groceries.
Scully—Pail with groceries.
Carlton—Pail with groceries.
Partin—Hi-Intensity lamp.
Miele—Hi-Intensity lamp.
Hayes—Decanter.
Mrs. Guglielmino—Apron.

The following members donated prizes for the picnic:

Jerry Cosenza—7 watermelons, bushel of onions, 4 ladies' aprons, 4 pails full with groceries, 6 ceramic ash trays, 1 ceramic plant, 2 boxes eyeglass tissues, 12 fly swatters 10 hi-los (ball attached to paddle); 1 bottle perfume, 1 packet of soap (4 bars).

Geo. Fraenkel—1 musical decanter.
Dom Miele—1 part-time set, consisting of 8 glasses, ice bucket and tray.

Al Lechmanik — 6 Hi-Intensity lamps.

Emil Langer—Candy, chiclets, Hershey bars and other assorted candies. The Hi-Los and fly swatters were given to the children separate from prize winners.

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OUR BOY PESTEL GETS SENATOR YOUNG TO LOOK INTO THE FACTS

Some days our boy, Dickie Pestel, former 47th man, assistant editor of The Octofoil, just can't make a dime. Being a 100 per cent service connected disabled veteran he is entitled to use his I.D. card at a local PX and Commissary. Preparing for a party to be held on his "ranch," Dickie goes forth to buy some booze on the base and save a few bucks. He was told he could save about 50c per fifth but he'd have to belong to the non-com club which he could join by paying so much down and so much per month. He figured it out and it was cheaper to get the booze downtown.

Then Dickie Boy noticed the flag that flies every day over the far-flung Pestel domain was becoming worn and it was noticeable. Back to the base our hero goes—but is told they will not sell flags on I.D. cards. At the time of going to press the former 47th hero was in touch with his friend, Senator Steve Young of Ohio, about this flag purchase. Just what the Senator will be able to do about all this had not come to light at the time this Octofoil went to press.

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ARMY LOCATES A FORMER 9TH MAN AFTER 23 YEARS

Trevor Jones, former Q.M., man, now living in Stratford, Conn., at 51 Allencrest Drive sent The Octofoil a clipping from the May 22 edition of The Bridgeport (Conn.) Sunday Post. Trevor thought the article would be of interest to former I Co. 60th men. Parts of the clipping reads:

A Bronze Star medal authorized for World War II North African invasion combat has finally caught up with Percy E. Hammond, of 941 Noble Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

More than 23 years have passed since the Army infantryman, then a private and discharged a staff sergeant, participated in the Tunisian campaign, with I Co., 60th Inf., 9th Infantry Division.

A letter, accompanying a Bronze Star medal and certificate, explained that the Army had been unsuccessful in locating him to convey the honor.

Hammond has two children, Al-doma Lee and James W. Hammond, who reside at 520 Gregory St., in Bridgeport.

Hammond is a member of VFW Post 7788 in Devon and is an active member of the Post's official family.

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An expert is someone called in at the last minute to share the blame.

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ILLINOIS MEMORIAL SERVICES WERE IMPRESSIVE AND WELL ATTENDED

The Octofoil received some interesting pictures from Bud Remer after the Illinois Chapter's Memorial Services, with additional pictures made in the cooking department of John and Mrs. Clouser's home. A few days later Past National President Frank Ozart followed Bud with a few pictures—similar to Bud's, but Frank also enclosed the following interesting story about the Illinois events:

By FRANK OZART,
Past National President
(Member, Illinois Chapter)
2241 S. Marshall Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60623

The Illinois Chapter held the Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 30, 1966 at 11:00 A.M. The services were held at the grave of Sgt. Henry Piecyk, 47th Inf., who was killed in Germany. Sgt. Piecyk's gravesite is in St. Adalbert's Cemetery, Niles, Ill. The services were conducted by Chuck Koskie, President of the Illinois Chapter. The wreath and grave marker were placed at the grave by Koskie.

The grave marker is a beautiful piece of work by the secretary of our Illinois Chapter, Bob Winkelman—with the aid of Roger Elmer, Past Treasurer of Illinois Chapter. The Memorial Services brought out some of the old faces, such as Edward Machowski, John Huffman and Casimir Pawelak. The old saying of where there is a will there is a way, is certainly true. Casimir Pawelak, who had made up his mind to go to the Memorial Services found himself without transportation. He decided to take the public transportation to the cemetery. It took him one hour and forty-five minutes to travel about 22 miles. He really has the old Ninth Division spirit—there is no obstacle too great that it can't be overcome. This lad deserves a medal for making the Memorial Services.

LAWN PARTY

After the services we all assembled at the home of the newlyweds—Mr. and Mrs. John Clouser. The steaks were delicious, also the rest of the food. Many thanks to Mrs. Clouser and Mrs. Winkelman and daughter for all the help for making a very

good meal. The host, John, was busy with the refreshments. The party broke up late in the evening.

MEETING NIGHT

Every third Friday of the month, 8:30 p.m. at Forest Park Moose Lodge—810 Desplaines Ave., Forest Park, Ill. Plenty of free parking facilities and public transportation. You can take the Congress "A" train to the end of the line and walk one-half block South to the Forest Park Moose Lodge. The location is excellent, those who travel with their car may take the Eisenhower Expressway. The meeting place is one-half block south of the Expressway. Bring the lady along; they are all invited to attend our meetings.

DUES—

Pay your dues to William Hennemuth, Illinois Chapter Treasurer, 505 North Wille, Mount Prospect, Ill.

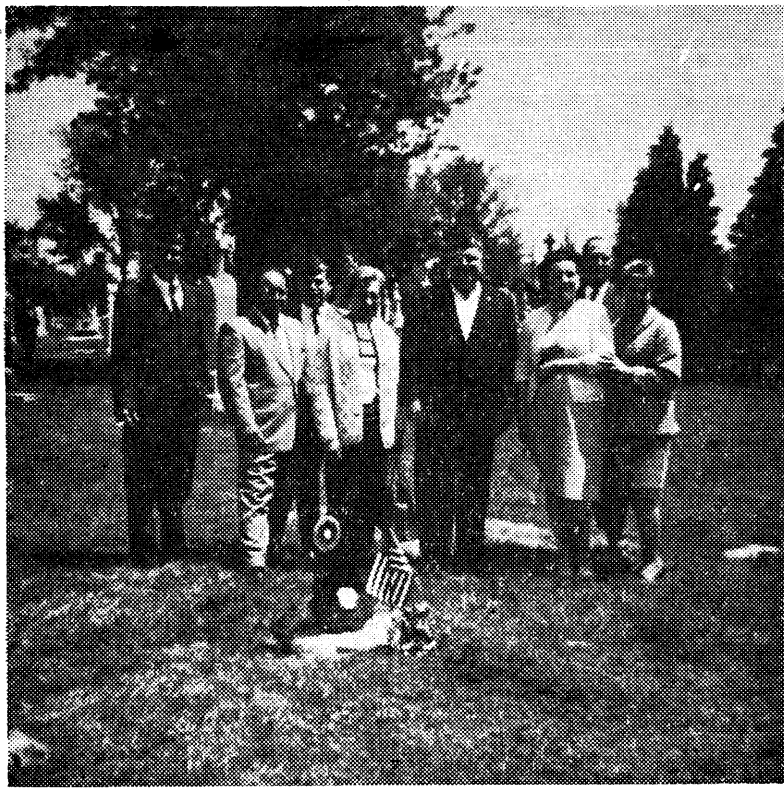
SICK CALL

Ted (Shirts) Matusik is in the hospital for the third time in a year's time. He is at McNeal Memorial Hospital in Berwyn, Ill. We wish him a speedy recovery. Ted missed Memorial Day Services due to being in the hospital. He hopes to be in Washington for the Reunion.

(Ed's Note: Ozart enclosed a memorial services photo through the courtesy of Mrs. Michael Belmonte. However the colored photo did not process into a very clear cut is why it is not being used. Those shown in Mrs. Belmonte's photo were Dave Heller's daughter with her first aid kit; Bob Winkelman, Mike Belmonte and his two youngsters; Bud Remer, Frank Ozart, Dr. Dave Heller, Roger Elmer, John Huffman, Joe Lasie, Ed Machowski, Casimir Pawelak, Chuck Koskie and John Clouser. The Octofoil appreciates Mrs. Belmonte's co-operation and regrets being unable to use the photo. Many times it has been necessary for the Octofoil to get a black and white film made from a colored film, then a black and white print before a good cut could be made. The black and white photos process into cuts for printing much better than the colored photos.)

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Illinois Chapter Memorial Services Most Inspiring



Good old "Bud" Remer is back in the "swim" and has forwarded to The Octofoil three interesting pictures made while the Illinois group was busy holding impressive memorial services or in the kitchen and dining room of Mr. and Mrs. John Clouser eating them out of house and home. Pictured above is a representative group of those participating in the Memorial Services. Special attention is called to the new Ninth Division floral piece that was placed on the grave. Charles Koskie, the Chapter president, delivered a wonderful Memorial Day address to the group. For the benefit of his old buddies, Remer's address is 4935 N. Hazelton, Chicago, Illinois 60125.

PORTRAIT OF COL. "PADDY" FLINT IS UNVEILED AT FLINT CASERN, HOME OF NCO ACADEMY

BAD TOELZ, Germany.—Flint Casern, home of 7th Army's NCO Academy, has unveiled a new oil portrait of Col. Harry Albert (Paddy) Flint, the casern's namesake.

It was painted by Heinz Boeckmann, a German artist living in nearby Pilsensee, from a picture donated to the academy by Mrs. Flint.

The portrait unveiled Jan. 10 by Lt. Col. Murray W. Williams, academy commandant, is on display in an alcove at the entrance of the academy headquarters.

Flint, a 1912 graduate of West

Point, served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France during World War I.

He saw his first action of World War II with the 2nd Armored Division in England, Africa and Sicily before taking command of the 9th Inf. Division's 39th Regt.

It was under Flint's command that the 39th took its now famous motto as the AAA—Anything, Anytime, Anywhere, Bar None.

Flint was killed by a sniper July 22, 1944 near St. Lo, France.

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McMANUS WILL SEND DUPLICATE COPIES OF 1942 RAIDER EDITION

Jim McManus, 2211 2nd Ave., No., Billings, Mont., has some of the original mimeographed copies of "The Raider," the 47th's official gazette. He can get reproduction proofs of Vol. 2, No. 5, dated November 21, 1941. This issue has the names of all the men whose names were put in for various awards. Some have never gotten them yet—one of them happens to be McManus himself. When time permits the editor plans going through mail that has accumulated during recent weeks and somehow or another the thought keeps sticking that someone has written in giving the name of the officer who made those award recommendations that never materialized.

A copy of the Nov. 21 "The Raider" would be a good souvenir plus the newsy notes contained on its pages. If interested contact McManus at the address given.

HAROLD SCHOCH IS A "DROPOUT"

The Ninth Infantry Division in combat always worked as a unit. No one ever waited for "George" to do it. If they had America would be goose-stepping today. All men who wore an Octofoil on his sleeve are proud of that great honor—but their team training is getting rusty and they are letting "George" maintain the operation of the Association in order to perpetuate the esprit de corps of the outfit among the many other duties the Association has to perform. These unattached members MUST be rounded up and made to understand their obligation to identify themselves with the Association and be not only a dues paying member but a worker.

While attending a State Convention of veterans in Akron, O. recently The Octofoil editor's attention was called to a well-liked Akron citizen who was always praising his old Division—the Ninth—but was not a member of the Association. The vets who brought this up were not even former 9th men.

SCHOCH A "HOLD-OUT?"

One such former Ninth man whose name was mentioned was Harold Schoch, who owns the Heights Cafe, 1325 Newton St., Akron, and is a member of VFW Post 1070.

Maybe Bill Buemi, who operates a tavern of his own near Cleveland; and the "Mad Russian" Mike Mysyk, secretary of a large labor union in Cleveland might try driving over to Akron, picking up Roger Schaeffer, who is a musical director in one of the Akron High Schools—and between them this man Schoch can be shown the error of his ways—in not being an active member of the Association thereby helping to keep alive the Ninth Division spirit from coast to coast.

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Marty Niverth In the Thirst-Quenching Biz

Martin A. Niverth, Rt. 1, Jefferson, Pa., former 84th F.A. man, writes:

Glad to hear the outfit is going great. I will see you all in Washington, D. C. I have moved since last talking to you. I am now in the tavern business, Stony Point Inn, on Rt. 188, out of Waynesburg, Pa. Planning on having a ball with Chiconas and Yuhasz of the Washington Chapter. Since I am now a life member you will not find any dues enclosure.—Best wishes to you and Marie—Martin A. Niverth.

Unless The Octofoil is mixed up on Pennsylvania Geography Waynesburg is just a hop and skip out of Washington, Pa., right off 40—so it'll be easy for those Buckeyes headed for Washington to stop off and see what's cooking at Stony Point Inn.

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Chick Hennen Plans a Look At New 9th

A former 60th man, Norbert Chick Hennen, 4135 Washburn N., Minneapolis, Minn., writes:

Another "Go-Devil" heard from:—Enclosed is my check for annual dues. Dick Sims (2d Bn. 60th Inf.) and myself are still getting into the Huertgen Forest during the cold Minnesota nights.

I hope to get a glimpse of the new Ninth at Fort Riley in July. One of our units (5063d Garrison from Milwaukee, Wisconsin) will perform 1966 ANACDUTRA there and as the Commanding General of the 103d Support Brigade I should include that in my itinerary. Nicht wahr?

Best regards to all. Sincerely, chick hennen.

—IT'S A DATE—WASHINGTON, D.C.—

BOARD OF GOVERNORS HOLD 79th MEETING IN PITTSBURGH, APRIL 30th

The 79th meeting of the National Board of Governors was called to order at 4:40 P.M., April 30, 1966 at the Pick-Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., attended by Messrs. John Bonkowski, Victor Butswinkus, Arthur MacDougall, Charles Koskie, Anthony Varone, Robert Rumenapp, Emil Langer, Harry Orenstein and Paul Keller. Also present were John Boden, John Clouser, Paul Plunkett, Richard Pestel, Harrison Daysh and Benton Early. There being a quorum of Board members present the meeting was called to order by President John Bonkowski.

The secretary, Daniel Quinn, then read the minutes of the 78th meeting. After a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Victor Butswinkus it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes as read, and place same on file.

The treasurer was unable to attend the meeting but mailed his quarterly report to the members. Secretary Quinn briefed the members on Boyle's report. After a motion duly made by Emil Langer and seconded by Robert Rumenapp it was voted to: Accept the treasurer's report.

CLOUSER REPORTS

The President then called upon John Clouser, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. After a motion duly made by Emil Langer and seconded by Arthur MacDougall it was voted to: Accept the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee. The applicants to be awarded the scholarship grants will be notified by this committee. The names of those receiving the awards will be announced at the Reunion's general meeting and at the Banquet. President Bonkowski thanked John Clouser for his report.

DAYSH REPORTS

Harrison Daysh reported on the progress of the 1966 reunion. General "Lightning" Joe Collins will be the main speaker at the banquet on closing night. A former Ninth Division man will be the Master of Ceremonies, Brig. Gen. Lloyd B. Ramsey, who served with the 39th Inf. Invitations have been sent to the former Presidents of the Association to attend. A ten minute taped talk from General Westmoreland will be heard at the banquet. There is free parking at the Hotel Shoreham (during the summer months) and Harrison reminded the members to make their reservations early, making certain to announce to the hotel people the date arriving the date departing. Daysh concluded that all in all this reunion looks like it will be one of the great ones held by this association.

President Bonkowski thanked Harrison Daysh for his report.

CHAPTER REPORTS

President Bonkowski asked for the Chapter Reports.

Charles Koskie reported for the Illinois Chapter. The chapter members have been active. A Fish-Fry was served on Feb. 11, 1966 at the Cicero Moose Lodge. Plans are being made for the Memorial Day Services. A picnic will be held in Bloomington, Illinois, on June 26, 1966. A good turnout of the Illinois Chapter members is expected at the annual reunion.

A beautiful bronze plaque was shown to the members. It will decorate the grave of the honored man on Memorial Day. This plaque was designed and made by Robert Winkelman, a member of the Illinois Chapter.

President Bonkowski thanked Charles Koskie for his report.

MacDOUGALL PRESENTS CHECK

Arthur MacDougall reported that the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter is very active. He presented a check for \$25 to the President, a donation from the Chapter to the Memorial Fund. MacDougall stated that the Ladies' Auxiliary meet on the same night and at the same place as the Chapter. He then thanked Paul S. Plunkett for the excellent coverage of the Chapter news in the Octofoil. President Bonkowski thanked Arthur MacDougall for his report and the Chapter members for their donation.

Due to the absence of the New England Chapter Board members the secretary gave their report. The New England members are very much interested in holding the 1967 Reunion in Boston.

ORENSTEIN REPORTS

Harry Orenstein reported for the New York Chapter. The meetings are very successful with 35 to 45 men attending. A Memorial Service is planned for May 23rd at the National Cemetery in Pinelawn, L.I., N.Y. The annual family picnic is to be held on June 5th at Seeley's Pond, Scotch Plains, N. J. The Chapter will hold a dinner and dance on Saturday, October 22nd at the Empire Hotel on 63rd St., New York City. As usual, a large group of the members will attend Father Connors Memorial Mass and Dinner in November.

Orenstein concluded his remarks that the annual Christmas party will be held the first week of December.

The President thanked Harry Orenstein for his report.

Paul Keller reported for the Ohio Chapter. He stated that Dick Pestel, Paul Plunkett and himself will try to get the members more active. The President thanked Paul Keller.

RUMENAPP REPORTS

Robert Rumenapp reported for the Michigan Chapter. They meet on the third Saturday of the month at Carson's Chop House. He hopes to have a large turnout of the Michigan members at the Reunion. The president thanked Robert Rumenapp.

Paul Plunkett, editor of The Octofoil, gave a report on the paper. President Bonkowski thanked Paul for his report.

Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh reported on future policies for the association. After a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Victor Butswinkus it was voted to: Take no action on future disposition of the Division Association and its funds.

After a motion made by Harry Orenstein and seconded by Robert Rumenapp it was voted to: Adjourn at 7:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary.

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CARPENTER'S DAD WAS A 9TH MAN

All members of the Association have read in the daily newspapers about the heroic Capt. William C. Carpenter, Jr.'s orders to have American air and artillery strikes on his own company's position.

"This was the most effective way I could see to kill them," said Carpenter, the bearded and bedraggled hero of the battle.

"The Air Force made the initial run with napalm and cannon fire. We lost some of our people then. But the strikes turned back the Communists and saved the company from annihilation."

But what most members of the Association DO NOT KNOW is that Vietnam Captain William C. Carpenter, Jr.'s father was killed in action while fighting with the Ninth Infantry Division in Germany in 1945.

The Octofoil is indebted to friends and Association members in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and other large cities who have sent copies of hometown papers that carried the story about Capt. Carpenter's father being killed while fighting with the Ninth.

"Duco" Boden, president of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter has suggested inviting Captain Carter to the 1966 Reunion and having a plaque of some kind designed in his honor.

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BODEN SECRETARY OF KIDS' BASEBALL SETUP

A recent letter received from John "Duco" Boden, president of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter had enclosed with the letter a baseball schedule for the Chester (Pa.) East Little League. And listed as Secretary of the League was none other than the Ninth's own "Duco." No finer work could be done by anyone than to spend a few spare hours training "kids" the ethics of true sportsmanship, helping them morally, mentally and physically.

MORE BODENS TO THE FRONT

Noting another paragraph in Boden's letter it read: "My brother who came home from 2 years overseas is now in Vietnam; if they keep it up they will have my whole family there—they have a son in law, brother, two cousins—who knows—may be me—later."

Don't get too egotistical Duco—the old gray mare ain't what she usta be. Your civilian status isn't likely to change into sun tans or khakis.

The Chapter president's address is J. J. Boden, Box 58, Chester, Pa.

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ALTON LE DUC STARTS REAL ESTATE PROJECT

Alton E. LeDuc writes from Rt. 2, Box 336B, West Branch, Mich., as follows:

"We are about the same as ever—getting older; kids growing up, etc. I've begun a resort subdivision here in North Michigan and July is our busiest month—which makes it almost impossible for me to plan on attending the Washington Reunion as much as I would like to. Am enclosing my dues anyway. Even if I can't come to Washington I don't want to be delinquent.—Al DeLuc."

—IT'S A DATE—WASHINGTON, D.C.—

A commutur is a man who spends his life riding to and from his wife.

NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER PLAYED TO A FULL HOUSE AT MAY MEETING; NEW MEN ATTEND

The first part of the New York Chapter's Demon Reporter's narrative after the May meeting pulls at the heartstrings of those who read it. Due to things beyond his control he was late arriving at the cemetery for the services. He was still later arriving at Bethpage State Park where a short get-together of the members was held. All the Baron knows about the two events is information picked up at random. Since a complete report of the services is printed elsewhere in this issue, that portion of the official correspondence is being deleted. Space limitation makes repetition impossible in this issue.

By **ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT**, 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11227 HYacinth 7-3993

President 4-7100, Ext. 12

The May 6th meeting played to a full house. It was held at the Statler-Hilton. President Langer's call for the May meeting asked members to get reservations for rooms in early at the Shoreham for the 1966 Reunion and appeals for support of the 1966 Reunion Journal.

Al Lechmanek, opened the meeting with a prayer for our departed comrades. Dom Miele read the minutes of last meeting which were approved as read. President Langer had some kind words for the writer, Dominick Miele and the New York Chapter for helping make the last issue of The Octofoil a "good paper." Treasurer Irving Feinberg reported our treasury was in the black.

REIMAN IN HOSPITAL

Dan Quinn reported that Doc Reiman was in the hospital for a heart condition and that Holick had been discharged from the hospital. Reiman is in East Orange, N. J. VA Hospital, Ward D.

Pres. Langer reported that Ray Ledwith was a patient at Doctors'

Hospital, Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y. Miele advised he had sent him a card and visited him in behalf of the chapter.

HAINES HEARD FROM

Sgt. John B. Haines, Co. E, 47th sent in dues and said he hopes to attend the Reunion. Nick Andrevitch sent in dues and says he hopes to attend our dance in October. Dan Taggart, Masspequa, Long Island, New York, sent dues and wants a copy of Eight Stars to Victory. Adolph Wadalavage suggested we ascertain how new members heard of the organization.

ORENSTEIN REPORTS

Harry Orenstein gave a report on the last National Board of Governors meeting. Tony Varone stated he would get his son to be the bugler for the Memorial Services at Long Island National Cemetery. Fazio made a plea for helpers at the picnic.

PAGE AD

It was decided that the Chapter would take a page ad in the Reunion Journal. President Langer announced he will select our committee members for the Nominating, Financial, Newspaper and Miscellaneous Committee for the Reunion at the next meeting.

HIGGINS INJURED

It was reported that Pat Higgins was injured in an auto accident and that he was in Hempstead General Hospital. George Apar said he had received a call from Mrs. Higgins.

PRIZES

Jake Laskau won the dark horse prize—a compact case, including lipstick case. Leon Robins, Hqtrs. Co. 47th, and Charles Partin, Co. M, 39th were the new men at the meeting. Partin's address is 1248 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. This was his first meeting.

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HARRY ORNSTEIN GETTING HIS Q.M. "BOYS" PRIMED FOR WASHINGTON

By **HARRY ORNSTEIN**, 640 East 139th Street, Bronx, N. Y. 10454

LET'S GO TO WASHINGTON—

After attending the Ninth Division Association's National Board of Governors' meeting in Pittsburgh on April 30, 1966, the writer is convinced that the 1966 Washington Reunion will rank with the excellent Reunions such as Fort Bragg, Chicago, Philadelphia and New York. This issue of The Octofoil has the complete Reunion details printed elsewhere. He are the important facts to remember:

SHOREHAM HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.
JULY 28-29-30

Thursday-Friday-Saturday

Q.M. NOTES—

Received a letter from Everett Tapp. Tapp plans to attend the Washington Reunion. Tapp also advised that Arthur Green had an auto accident.

Since Harry typed this news release, Arthur Green has passed

away. The story appears elsewhere in this issue, with a picture. That is why part of Orenstein's story is deleted at this point.—The Editor.

While in Pittsburgh attending a Board of Governors meeting this writer had a telephone conversation with Bill Palady.

Charles Tingley is working with the Washington Reunion Committee. Many of Tingley's friends will be in Washington see him at the Reunion—that's for sure. See you at the Reunion.

Best regards to all. Hope you are all well at home.—Sincerely yours, Harry Orenstein.

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JULY 28-30—D DAYS—Washington
Some speakers electrify an audience—others gas it.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—
Most women go from saying "I do" to "You'd better."

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—
The real space man is the one who can find a parking place.

"Peter Rabbit" Harvey and His Happy Family



Appearing elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil is an appeal for any former Co. B, 60th men who knew Charles R. Harvey, in North Africa to contact him at 7407 Huntridge Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45231. Many of his old buddies might not remember him as Charlie Harvey. After Lieut. Henry Rigby nicknamed Harvey "Peter Rabbit" it stuck—and stuck good. No one knew who a person was talking about when they asked for Charlie Harvey—but it was a different story when "Peter Rabbit" Harvey was called for. Pictured above is Peter Rabbit, the charming Mrs. Harvey and one of the "small fry" Harveys.

George Whitney Now Located In Georgia; Advises of Hillary Kelley's Death Which Occurred Aug. 20, 1965

George A. Whitney, Jr., has a new address now: It is—George A. Whitney, 585 Dutch Valley Road, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30324. Under an April 25 dateline George sent a most interesting letter to Secretary Quinn. Parts of the letter read:

It has been a long time since I have seen anyone from the New York Chapter, and miss the monthly Friday night meetings, but I keep in touch with events through the Octofoil and know everyone is doing a tremendous job.

Of recent years I have been unable to make the conventions. Being transferred to Atlanta prevented my attending last year. Hoping to attend the Washington Reunion.

KELLEY DIED IN 1965

I am particularly writing to you as I recently had a letter from Mrs. Frances Kelley, wife of Hillary Burnette Kelley, informing me of his death on August 20, 1965. He was one of our Div. Hq. Adjutant General Section members, and was also a former 39th member and I know that many who came in contact with

him will remember him, as one could not find a person nicer or more considerate of his fellow man than H.B. The address of H. B.'s home and where his widow and children reside is as follows:

Mrs. H. B. (Frances) Kelley
2925 Oxford Road
Henderson, North Carolina

The Octofoil joins with H. B. Kelley's hundreds of Ninth Division buddies and friends, even at this late date, and extends heartfelt condolences to the bereaved widow and children.

Quoting further from George's letter it reads:

"I also recently had a letter from Doc Walton, giving me the low-down on various 9th members in the Atlanta area, but as yet haven't had a chance to look anyone up. Didn't there use to be an Atlanta Chapter at one time? From what I remember there were quite a few from in and around Atlanta."

(Ed's Note: Several years ago there was a very active chapter functioning in Atlanta.)

DAVE SILBERBERG EXTENDED GREAT HONOR BY GERMAN GOVERNMENT

Just ever so often David Silberberg takes time off from his busy schedule to type out a few lines for The Octofoil. Included in a letter of May 3, was a photostat of Dave's original receipt for dues into the Ninth Infantry Division Association. The receipt is dated 2 June 1945, and is signed by 1st Lt. Leonard E. Reynolds of Hqtrs. Co., 47th Inf.

A story recently appeared in The Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal that will be of interest to Dave's many friends in the Association. The article included a picture of Dave. Time has been kind to him. The head and part of the story read as follows:

WEST GERMANY PICKS MEMPHIAN AS CONSUL HERE

David D. Silberberg, 5453 Spainwood, Memphis, was notified of his appointment as Tennessee resident consul for the West German Republic.

He was sworn in in Atlanta, Ga. on May 11 by Dr. H. Pohris, the West German Consul who informed him the nomination by the Foreign Office in Bonn had been approved by the United States State Department.

Mr. Silberberg will conduct the resident consulate from his law office in Room 1003 of the Home Federal Building.

HANDLED FOR 10 YEARS

"I've handled the work unofficially for about 10 years," he said. "The move toward establishing a resident consulate in Memphis began seriously in the latter part of 1963 because of the increased volume of business being generated in Tennessee."

The job will include handling requests for German birth certificates, marriage licenses for former German citizens.

The 45-year-old Mr. Silberberg fled Nazi Germany with his family in 1936, joined the United States Army in 1942 and became a naturalized citizen the same year.

He remained in the Army Reserve after serving as a combat and counter intelligence officer in Europe in World War II. Now a lieutenant colonel, he is director of intelligence and security for the Memphis Logistical Command.

Mr. Silberberg was the guest of West Germany for a four-week tour in 1960.

LEON ROBINS RE-ENLISTED IN 1946; WORKING AS CIVILIAN ARMY EMPLOYE; REJOINS ASSOCIATION

Leon D. Robins, writes Secretary Quinn from 19 Elm St., Lake Arrowhead, Denville, N. J. 07854, and very shortly thereafter Leon became a member and had attended a Chapter meeting in New York City. Parts of Leon's original letter read:

I just today obtained the association's address. This letter is in the form of a request to allow an old original member of the division and of the association who has strayed away these many years to return to the fold.

During my military career and duties in foreign countries I allowed my 9th Infantry Division Association membership to lapse. Since retirement I am more settled and would like to renew my membership. I was assigned to Hqtrs. Co., 47th Inf., 9th Inf. Div. at Fort Bragg in January, 1941. I remained with that unit until my return home in May, 1945. I have many pleasant memories of this fine organization of the many close personal associations I made during that time. I was one of those who decided that civilian life was not for me and

I went back into military service in January, 1946. I remained in service until I retired in February, 1963 as a Chief Warrant Officer with the Criminal Investigation Division of the Military Police Corps. After my retirement I spent some time in Southeast Asia but decided to come home and settle down. I am now a civilian employee with the same Criminal Investigation Division. (Can't seem to get away from the Army.) I was located at Picatinny Arsenal until the first of the year when I was transferred to New York City. My first day in New York I met an old friend from the 9th Division days. Chick WOLLRICH, who coincidentally is located in the same building. It was Chick who gave me your address and insisted that I renew my membership. . . I am looking forward to renewing old friendships at the Reunion in Washington this year.

"If any of my old friends hear of my resurrection I would be happy to hear from them or to see them. I am located at 346 Broadway, New York City, telephone: 264-1086.

BILL BUEMI "COMES ALIVE" AND WRITES

Bill Buemi, Co. F, 47th, of 30811 Bayridge Blvd., Willowick, O. 44095, writes Secretary Quinn:

Dear Irishman: Long time "no see," no time "no write." Things here are peaceful and quiet. Mickey and I plan attending the Washington Reunion, but can't say positive until a little later on. I haven't seen the "Mad Russian," Mike Mysyk in a long time. Talk with his fine wife occasionally on business when I have to contact the florist she is connected with. My oldest boy is in his second year at college—and eating me out and up. But I've got two years to go and that "ain't" too much longer. Regards to all the gang.—Bill Buemi.

P.S.: Can't find my 9th Division card. Don't whether I'm paid up or in arrears. So just in case enclosed is a check.—Bill.

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Angell Expects to See His Engineer Buddies

Byron Angell, No. Providence, R.I. 02904, writes as follows:

Dear Dan: Thanks for the reminder. Enclosed please find check for another 3-year hitch.

I am looking forward to being at the Shoreham in July. I had a big time there last time. I hope the old gang from "B" Co., 15th Engrs., will once again turn out.

My family is fine. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Washington.

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The thing to do with party leftovers is to help them out the front door.

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The way to keep a man at a distance, gals, is to marry him.

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Success is relative. The more success, the more relatives.

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COL. HAROLD SMITH IS ON DUTY IN COLORADO

Lt. Col. Harold W. Smith's residence address is 1013 Morning Star Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80906. However, Col. Smith is assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Army Air Defense Command, in Colorado Springs, Colo. His job is in the Security Division of G2 as Security Officer. The colonel expects to retire next year and says he'll be with that band of job seekers. He hopes to land a job in the security field—federal or industrial security.

On rare occasions Col. Smith has been "running into" former 9th men. Last year he met up with Brig. Gen. Justin Stoll just before he retired. In October last year he went to Scottsdale, Arizona, to revisit Harold Willoughby, former 60th Cannon Co. man. Col. Smith hadn't seen "Old Cannonball" for 18 years but says neither he nor Mrs. Willoughby were hard to recognize. But the baby son of that period is now a college student.

Last summer while at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth Col. Smith met Mike Gatto, New York City, a former 60th man, who was graduating from the extension course.

Col. Smith concludes his interesting letter thusly:

"The wisest conclusion Gatto and I agreed upon, as a result of all our new knowledge gained, was that the newly activated 9th Division won't need either of us. The state of the art has outdistanced most of us, mostly from a physical point of view. But you can bet the new 9th will give a good account of itself. If tradition counts, it has to!"

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Remember Fish Fries? . . .



Richard Metz, Kingston, N.Y., former Co. D, 1st Bn., 60th Inf., writes in to ask how many remember Fireman Riche's fishing escapades and when luck was good, as the above picture indicates, a fish fry was put on that was "fit for a king."

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Former 39th Man In Keystone State Political Campaign

Clarence F. Ray, Rt. 1, Penn Run, Pa., is working with the Felmont Oil Corp. in their pipe line construction division.

Clarence sent in his dues for three years and also enclosed a clipping from the Indiana (Pa.) Evening Gazette. The newspaper story was a lengthy story pertaining to James E. Wittchell's campaign for the Democratic nomination from the 60th District to the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

During World War II Wittchell was with the 39th Regt., 9th Infantry Division and is entitled to wear the Purple Heart.

He has served as president of the Board of Education in his district. Wittchell is also active in labor union work being a member of Local 14, Glassworkers Union.

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Buckeye Boy Asks Co. F, 47th Men Write

Art Beining, Box 133, Ottoville, O., 45876 has joined the Association in hopes some old buddy from Co. F of the 47th Regt. will send him a card or letter.

There's plenty of former F Co. 47th men running loose—won't some of them slow down long enough to send Art a few lines. He wants to hear from some of his old buddies the worst way.

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When a woman suffers in silence, it sometimes means the telephone is out of order.

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Time is a great healer but a poor beautician.

NICE LETTER RECEIVED FROM LT. PRINCE IN VIETNAM; SENDS PHOTO

It all started out as one of "Doc" Walton's little "jokes." He read where Tippi Plunkett, Auxiliary Secretary, was shipping cans of candy to the relatives of all former 9th men who were in Vietnam. Doc wrote that he didn't have any close relative over there but had a mighty close friend who lived on the adjoining farm and he sho' wished Tippi would send this friend a can of that hard tack candy. The friend's name was Lt. Joseph S. Prince, O327 628, 1st Inf. Div. Arty., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96345.

Tippi sent the candy, wrapping it in an old Octofoil that had a story about some of "Doc's" wild escapades in those North Georgia Hills. In due time The Octofoil received a nice letter from the lieutenant. He had recently graduated from the University of Georgia, majoring in journalism, before going into the Armed Forces. On top of the fine letter the lieutenant had mailed The Octofoil a copy of the 1st Division newspaper that is printed in Vietnam. The copy he sent was the 49th birthday edition and is filled with articles of interest to any ex-G.I. The Octofoil doesn't know how to thank Lieut. Prince for the courtesies he has shown.

One of the poems the youngster from Rome, Ga. composed and is in this issue of The Octofoil is no doubt written with Lieut. Prince in mind because one verse begins with the word "Steve" and Walton's letters refer to the lieutenant as Steve.

Part of his kind letter to The Octofoil reads:

"Well, I guess you folks have given up on hearing about the fate of the package you sent to me. It arrived just before we left on operation Birmingham and I just now find time to write you. As I guess you read or heard Birmingham has just ended and was quite a long operation. We just arrived back at our base camp yesterday.

VERY APPRECIATIVE

I sure want you to know how much I appreciate the package. All the "goodies" will be put to good use, I assure you. It's really nice to know there are some folks like yourselves who think enough of what we're doing over here to send a "care" package.

I imagine you all are really excited about the reactivation of the Fighting 9th. I bet the old home of the "Big Red One" is really buzzing now. We have ourselves a pretty good outfit. I see where some reporters have changed our name to the "Bloody Red One." Well, we're doing our best to give ole "Charley" what for over here.

My folks back in Georgia write me that old "Doc" is as fat and sassy as ever. I got some photos in one letter from my folks—the Waltons are on a picnic down at our farm and it looks like they were having a mighty good time. I'm enclosing part of one showing "Doc" in all his splendor and glory—food in one hand and a drink in the other. I really got a kick out of the article in The Octofoil about him. I heard his son was getting married; it sounded just like what Doc would say to his new daughter-in-law. He passes on to me you might like to read the 1st Div. Paper that's published over here. So the next copy I get my hands on I'll pass it along.

Thanks for the package, and the thought behind it.—Sincerely, Steve Prince.

And to you Lt. Steve Prince The Octofoil extends thanks—a mighty weak token of esteem for what you and many thousands just like you are doing. We salute you most humbly.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI— Arela Fraley Is Very Appreciative

The following letter is self-explanatory:

Bidwell, Ohio, Box 63,
March 30, 1966.

Dear Secretary Quinn:

I take this time from my busy schedule to express my sincere gratitude for the Ninth Infantry Division Scholarship which I was awarded. I am attending Ohio University where I plan to major in zoology. I am enjoying all my studies there, especially those subjects which concern my future vocation in Medical Technology. I obtained a 3.133 the first semester at the university. The scholarship check of two hundred and twenty-five dollars lightened considerably the financial burden on my parents. College expenses are much greater than one could anticipate.

I again want to thank everyone concerned. I believe that the Scholarship Fund Project is a wonderful program for the men of the Ninth Infantry Division. I shall never forget your kindness.—Sincerely, Arela Karlene Fraley.

STILL TRYING TO GET TIME TO REVIEW BILL KREYE'S HISTORY

The Octofoil has on file some stories written by Sgt. Bill Kreye, former 39th man, of 337 20th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Also filed away is a compilation of interesting happenings in the 39th over a long period of time during combat days that was typed out, and "dummied" up in book form by Sgt. Bill. The Octofoil had hoped if nothing else could be done to get the Sarge's message over to the Association members maybe the book could be run in serial form in The Octofoil. Many things have occurred which has caused delay in experimenting with any of the proposed solutions to the problem. The 9-week seige in a local hospital—twice in one year naturally threw extra-curricular work schedules such as mentioned, completely out of focus and only a MUST and emergency details have been taken care of. If the Sergeant's patience holds out until after the first of 1967 when the editor takes his retirement pay, there will be some leisure time available to devote to such worthwhile projects as Sgt. Kreye's chronological compilation of 39th Regt. happenings. Maybe then—if not sooner—some solution will be worked out.

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BILL MORAN WANTS PITTSBURGH TO GET THE "BALL ROLLING"

William J. Moran, 906 South Park Ave., Glendhawn, Pa. 15116 writes in part as follows:

Dear Dan: Well we start another year. Time flies. My wife reminded me about my dues. I had a note hid somewhere about sending in my dues but I seemed to have lost it.

Here in the Pittsburgh area we have not been active at all since right after the boys got home, but with everyone too unsettled I guess we all lost contact. When you were in Pittsburgh last year I didn't get a chance to see you at Bill Stokan's, where you had a get-together.

WANTS TO START SOMETHING

I was wondering if any nucleus of an organization was given birth to when you talked with Stokan. It would be a start if we could get together for a couple of beers once a month. Think I'll drop in on Stokan's some evening and talk to Bill about that. We have quite a bunch of former 9th boys around these parts.

I hope we can get the show on the road some day.

All my best to everyone from the 9th.—Sincerely, Bill Moran.

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BLABON KEEPS BUSY WITH V.F.W. WORK

Irving F. Blabon's present address is 424 Monticello Rd., San Rafael, Calif. He is a former Co. C, 39th man. He writes from Sunny California as follows:

Enclosed you will find dues check. I have been away from the fold for a while and glad to be one of you again. Living in California I don't contact many who served in the 9th. Why not make a National Chapter of those who do not belong to a local chapter?

I have been very busy in veterans affairs. Have been a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 72 for 20 years; adjutant for the last 16. I am also a member of Marion County Chapter No. 103, Disabled American Veterans and have been for 19 years, and Adjutant-Treasurer for 18 years. You can realize I have been pretty well occupied.

Since I wrote last I have become a grand father. Boy does that make us realize the years are really rolling by? Every now and then I think back to the days of combat and strife and I realize that the Ninth had something great going for it. One of the most important was comradeship and help and a spirit of pride in their outfit. I can well vouch for the comradeship and help because if it hadn't been for two of my buddies, I would not be here today. They pulled me out of shell fire after I had been hit and couldn't get out myself. Hope that the 1966 Reunion is one great big success and everyone has a grand time. I wish I could be there. Happy Birthday on 21 years of service.—Yours in Comradeship, Irving Blabon, Co. C, 39th Inf.

—IT'S A DATE—WASHINGTON, D.C.—

TED MILLER WILL MISS COOPER AT REUNIONS

Ted Miller is a former 39th Inf. M Co. Medic, now living at 410 S.E. 4th St., Washington, Ind.

He writes Secretary Quinn to express his sorrow in learning about the death of Dick Cooper.

Ted writes:

"I was very sad to learn about Dick Cooper's death. He and I had enjoyed many Reunions together."

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WARD THINKS RIEMAN'S STORY WAS A GOOD ONE

Jim Ward, Shore Bay Farm, P. O. Box 5, New Blaine, Ark. 72851 sends "Doc" Walter Reiman the following letter:

Dear Doc: Three cheers for your testimonial on Capt. Sieminski and Cannon Co. You probably do not remember me. I was one of the original cadre. Capt. Sieminski personally screened every NCO who was assigned to the Company. A small percentage of men who applied for a transfer to Cannon Co. were approved. 1st Sgt. Grapp and myself come from Co. H along with men we hand picked. This was not a promotion for any NCO as we were already in grade for the job we were to do.

ALL SCREENED

Sgt. Lee came from A or B Co. Sgt. Waddell from Service. I don't remember the Mess Sergeant's name. Sgts. Page, Mowry, Doveth, Fisher, Phipps come, I believe from 84th F.A. As I had previously been 2nd Bn. Mtr. Sgt., I knew practically all the tank drivers before they came to the company. So if anybody asks you—tell them the company was not just thrown together.

VERY CLOSE TO CAPTAIN

I felt that I was as close to Capt. Siemanski as anybody could be from the time the company was formed until I left after Sicily. He raised thunder but the men always come first regardless of anything.

You stated in your story about being out of gas in Germany. When we were at Thala, N. A., Louie Kramer, the captain's driver, came to me for gas and I had to draw 5 gallons out of the maintenance truck tank so the captain could go on Recon. (I remember Coer and Bascoe well).

Did you know when we were near Sidi Bel Abbas after North Africa I was appropriating (let's don't say stealing), enough gas and giving it to Serv. Co. to keep the trucks rolling.

Capt. Ski was a fair man and I hope he is doing well. I can guarantee you one thing: If I had been your Transport NCO you wouldn't have run out of gas in Germany as I was taught my lesson at Kasserine and it never happened again. To one of the Companies I was Truckmaster and Bn. S-4 Sgt.

If you ever see any of the men from Canon Co. give them my regards. I have two sons of military age and if they have to serve our country in the military I want them to have a CO just like Leon Sieminski. Had I known more officers like him I probably would have made a career of the Army.—J. Ward, New Blaine, Ark.

—IT'S A DATE—WASHINGTON, D.C.—

LT. COL. HARRY ELLIS STILL HAS CONTACTS

Just before St. Patrick's Day Secy. Quinn received a "Happy Saint Pat" message from Retired Lt. Geu. Harry Ellis, 412 Lincoln Ave., Falls Church, Va. 22046. The letter had a few other interesting statements—among which were the following:

"I've been working in T-7 at Gravelly Point and the old Octofoil on my sleeve has brought me to the attention of at least a couple of old Ninth men—Roy Gordon, who is a member of the Washington Chapter, and Sgt. Wilson, formerly Hq. Bty., 26th F.A. I'm taking the Octofoil to him and think I'll be able to sign him up as an Association member.

"Speaking of The Octofoil, I am certainly glad to have the Division reactivated. I've been having trouble finding them to wear on my right shoulder.

"Have you seen the March, 1966 issue of Army Information Digest? It has an excellent story of the 9th in World War II, plus items of the new unit, including pictures. Anyone desiring a copy should address Army Information Digest, Canon Station, Alexandria, Va. 22314.

"Incidentally, enclosed are dues for the next three years. I keep my Octofoils intact, hence am not filling out the blank that is printed in each.—Lt. Col. Harry V. Ellis, Jr. 023724, 412 Lincoln Ave., Falls Church, Va. 22046 (Hq. Bty. 9th Div. Arty. and "B" Bty., 84th F.A. Bn.)

ATTENTION,

MEMANUS

In reply to Jim McManus . . . Justin W. Stoll commanded the 84th from Bragg to Africa as near as I remember. Someone from the 84th should be able to give additional information. I'll stand corrected, if I should be wrong.—Harry Ellis.

—IT'S A DATE—WASHINGTON, D.C.—

Sometimes folks do odd things to get even.

—John Bonkowski, President. Acute appendicitis occurs more often in females than in males.

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When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.

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NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, Natl. Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn., 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J.

Enclosed please find 1966 dues for:

Name _____ Serial No. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

I was a member of:

Battery _____; Company _____; Regiment _____ 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year _____ \$ 4.00 ☐

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund _____ ☐

Three-Year Member _____ \$11.00 ☐

LIFE MEMBERSHIP _____ \$50.00 ☐

Octofoil Automobile License Disc _____ \$.50 ☐

Decals 25c; (5) five for _____ \$ 1.00 ☐

"Eight Stars to Victory" (Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.) _____ \$ 2.00 ☐

Ladies' Auxiliary Member _____ \$ 1.50 ☐

Combat Route Map _____ \$.50 ☐

60th Infantry History _____ \$.50 ☐

Coat Lapel Octofoil Pin _____ \$ 1.25 ☐

Please give credit to the following Chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐

Illinois ☐ Washington, D.C. ☐

New England ☐ Michigan ☐

Ohio ☐ Fayetteville-Fort Bragg, N.C. ☐

GEORGE PETRUNA'S DEATH IS REPORTED

Ray Kennedy, 709th Ord., now living at 245 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, Pa. writes The Octofoil the following sad news:

Just a note to say that a former member of the 9th Q.M. and 709th Ord. passed away March 23. He was George Petruna of McMasters Dr., Monroeville, Pa.

He was with the 9th in the days of Fort Bragg and Tent City. He was a brother-in-law of Pappy Amsler, who was killed in action while in charge of a heavy duty wrecker.

I'm sure that fellows like George Swanson, Segal, Herb Ravlin and many others who served with George will remember him and be grieved to read this sad news.

The Octofoil joins with George Petruna's many buddies in the 9th Infantry Division Association and extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved family of the deceased.

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Max Katz Still Has That Old "Esprit de Corps"

Maxwell Katz says that after 25 years and three months he still has that old 9th Division Esprit de Corps. It's been that long since Katz joined the 9th—that it as of April 2, 1966, when he sent Secy. Quinn a very interesting but short letter from his home at 364 Beach 56 St., Avenue 92, N. Y. Max joined the 9th Jan. 20, 1941 and was discharged on Aug. 6, 1945—putting in all this time with the 39th Regt., 3rd Bn.

Max has been married 20 years, and five months. The couple have a fine son, 19 years of age; a daughter, 14 years old, and Katz says a beautiful wife to protect him.

About once every year he sits down and rereads "8 Stars to Victory" and thinks about his old buddies. He asks the Octofoil to extend his very best wishes to all of the old 9th lads and to tell them he would be happy to get a letter or card from any of them.

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"Pop" Long Plans a "Ball" in Washington

Ernest R. Long, 517 Bayfair Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44140 writes:

Hi Dan: I read the reminder in The Octofoil about paying the dues, so I thought I had better check and sure enough mine has run out. So here is a check for another three years.

Hope to see you in Washington.—Pop Long, 3d Bn., 47th Inf., M.D.

RISSUE RECEIVED MANY LETTERS FROM BUDDIES

Harold Rissue, a former Co. M, 60th man, now living at 363 S. 3rd Ave., Park Falls, Wis. writes to Secretary Dan Quinn, in part, as follows:

Dear Dan: Let me thank you for having put the article in The Octofoil concerning my accident and publishing my address at the VA Hospital.

I received so many messages of cheer not only from members of my old outfit the 60th, but also from former 39th and 47th men.

Now I want to take this opportunity to thank all my former 9th Division buddies and their families for their words of encouragement and messages of cheer.

I was just released from the hospital and informed that I have to take an early retirement, due to the severe spine injuries I received. I'm going to try now to do all the fishing I've always wanted to do.

Impossible to attend the Reunion this year but God willing I'll be at the one next year. Our welcome mat is out to all former 9th Division men and their families if they are ever in the Park Falls area.—Harold.

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Mrs. McAvoy Still In Destitute Circumstances

Mail will still reach Mrs. Lillian McAvoy at 26 E. Linden Ave., Collingswood, N. J., which is her daughter's residence.

This Gold Star mother's insurance checks are still being held up by a money-hungry hospital crew in that area after canceling out her policy that she thought was in effect and was never advised until a terrific bill had been run up and then the attachment on checks she received because of her son's death while serving with the Ninth, were attached to pay the hospital bill, according to the letters received from Mrs. McAvoy.

Conditions in the county hospital where she is now confined are all but unbearable.

It seems as though the 1966 Reunion could authorize the Judge Advocate to check into the alleged drastic tactics being used in the state of New Jersey to force their pound of flesh from a poor, defenseless widow and Gold Star mother.

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Women are very loyal. When they reach an age they like, they stick to it.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Recreation might be defined as wearing yourself out on your own time.